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Final Closing of Transfer Books

The Company wishes to call attention to its official notice dated December 7, 1939 announcing the final closing of the transfer books of the Company as of the close of business on December 15, 1939.

Stockholders and the public are reminded that this Company, in distributing the cash dividend and the shares of the new Company, will ONLY RECOGNIZE STOCKHOLDERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON ITS BOOKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 15, 1939 and that thereafter the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

It is important, therefore, that any shares not registered in the names of the owners thereof be lodged with the Company for transfer on or before that date. Also, persons who may be holding shares as security are advised to have them transferred to their own names, since otherwise new certificates will be delivered to the persons at present named in the old certificates.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Shanghai, December 11, 1939.

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SHANGHAI TELEPHONE COMPANY

SPECIAL NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

1. PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in New York on December 6, 1939 a dividend of Sixty cents, Chinese Dollars Shanghai local currency (Ch.$0.60) on each share of the capital stock of the Company was declared with respect to operations of the year 1939, payable in Shanghai on December 27, 1939, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 15, 1939.

2. DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY

At the special meeting of stockholders held in New York on November 22, 1939, pursuant to notice given under date of October 10, 1939 and mailed to all stockholders, the sale of the Company's assets to Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and its dissolution were duly approved. Accordingly the Board of Directors, at a meeting held in New York on December 6, 1939, directed that the transfer books of the Company be finally closed as of the close of business on December 15, 1939, for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive the liquidating dividend of the Company. This liquidating dividend will consist of stock of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and will be issued to stockholders of Shanghai Telephone Company on a pro rata and share for share basis, the par value of the respective shares of the two companies being the same, i.e., Ten Chinese Dollars, Shanghai local currency (Ch. $10) each.

New certificates of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., representing the same number of shares of stock as are respectively held in this Company by stockholders of record at the close of business December 15, 1939, will be distributed on December 27, 1939. Thereafter this Company will be dissolved.

Since the transfer books of the Company will be finally closed on December 15, 1939, and the liquidating dividend consisting of shares of stock of the new Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. will be distributed to stockholders whose names appear on the books of this Company at that date, it is important that all shares of stock be registered at once in the names of the actual owners. Therefore, any stock certificate of the Company bearing a name other than the name of the actual owner thereof or a designated nominee should be presented at once, and in any case not later than the close of business December 15, 1939, at the office of the Company for exchange for a new certificate in the name of such actual owner or designated nominee.

In distributing its liquidating dividend on December 27, 1939, this Company will only recognize, and issue shares of the new Company to, stockholders whose names appear on its books at the close of business December 15, 1939, and after December 15, 1939, the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Shanghai, December 7, 1939.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Bureau has duly made the arrangement with the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration for the resumption of its Customs House Examination Office. On December 13, 1939 the said office will commence its work and its duty is to examine all the Consolidated Taxable goods and their documents.

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DECEMBER

13 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
13 Artist Club, Hongkew, Easter.. Theatre, 'The Happy Husband' by E. Eysler, 8.30
13 Duchess of Kent's birthday (1906)
13 Rev. and Mrs. John C. Stam found murdered by communists, Tsingteh (1934)
13 Nanking conquered by Japanese (1937)

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14 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
14 Cradle bridge/mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
14 Corps Cavalry Smoker, S.R.C., 7.30
14 For. Y. Debate: 'Occupations Chosen by State'
14 'Venus in Silks,' music by R. Stolz. Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
14 20th Annual Hanuccah Ball, Cercle Sportif Francaise
14 Film at Country Club in aid of B.W.A. War Work Fund, 9.15
15 B.W.A. Gift Day for Hampers
15 For. Y. 'Hour of Music'
15 Shanghai Younger Set present 'Dithyrambics.' Proceeds for British War Work Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
16 K.K.K. Bazaar, Masonic Hall, 2.30
16 B.W.A. Gift Day for Hampers
16 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
16 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 'Madame Butterfly,' by G. Puccini, First Grand Opera of the Season, at Russ. Club Theatre, 1053 Ave. Foch, 9
17 Municipal Orchestra, 10th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
17 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
17 'Madame Butterfly,' by G. Puccini, First Grand Opera of the Season, at Russ. Club Theatre, 1053 Ave. Foch, 9
18 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
18 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
19 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
19 A.W.C. X'mas music and plays, 4.45
19 For. Y. Lecture: 'Modern Physics' by Dr. S. H. Chao
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 Artist Club, Hongkew, Eastern Theatre, 'Nathan The Wise,' by Lessing. Directed by Alfred Dreifuss, 8.30
19 Leonora Valesby violin recital, A.W.C.
20 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
22 Italian Club, Chamber Music Concert, 5.30
23 Children's Christmas Party, Shanghai Engineers' Club, 3.
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
30 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45

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That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. William Gockson of Shanghai be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such Winding-Up.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. GOCKCHIN
Director.
Shanghai November 25, 1939.

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Poinsettias: Ferns: Information Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As the holiday season is upon us and poinsettias are to be seen everywhere, it would be a real kindness if someone with experience would tell us how to keep these plants from prematurely dropping their leaves. I once saw one that kept all its leaves for more than a month, so it does happen. Also is it possible to keep a maidenhair fern in an ordinary living room?

E. L. P.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Wanted: A New Year Poem

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I, through the courtesy of these columns, ask some kind soul amongst your readers to give me the words of that beautiful and quite well-known New Year poem which opens thus:

I asked the New Year for a motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet.

It is a rather short piece, and contains, I believe, only three stanzas.

POEMA.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Christmas Appeal: Missions to Seamen

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Owing to the many calls for assistance at the present time I am not making a general appeal for funds for our Christmas entertaining, but I feel that many of our regular supporters will wish to donate as usual to our Christmas fund for entertaining our Merchant Navy.

Though fewer ships are entering port at present we expect to have some men for Christmas and I do want to make them feel that we in Shanghai appreciate the hazardous nature of their work by giving them a real Christmas here.

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F. W. WEAVER,
Chaplain.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Repetitions of History

Pre-War Period of Today Contrasted with Those Of 1793 and 1803; Britain Slow to Anger

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"HISTORY repeats itself" is a truism that the common man is apt to accept with a shrug of resignation, without troubling to draw the logical conclusions therefrom. Nor would our statesmen and politicians appear to pay much heed to the lessons of history, with the result that our modern world is inclined to get unduly excited over some new and unforeseen turn in the political situation, as if it were something quite new and dangerous with which we had never been faced before. This is strikingly brought home to one, if one compares the situation at the time of the outbreak of the present war, with that preceding the war with Revolutionary France in 1793 and again with Napoleon in 1803.

The almost identical situation in those days, as regards the attitude of Russia and the partition of Poland, the attitude of the neutral states towards the British blockade and the complete failure of the dictators in both periods to understand British mentality, affords food for painful reflection.

The recent sudden *volte-face* of the Stalin government in Russia, leading to the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact, the outbreak of war between Germany and the Democracies, and the partition of Poland, evoked a world-wide outburst of grudging admiration at the wonderful cunning of the clever Bolsheviks whose aim, it is said to be, is to set the other nations by the ears, in order to spread Communism over the whole world.

Identical Policy

Yet, in 1792, when Russia was governed by an absolute autocrat, and there were not the faintest traces of Communism in the Russian body politic, she pursued an almost identical policy, as that of today, as the following two extracts from "The Cambridge History of British Foreign History" go to show:—

"Moreover, the attitude of Catharine II of Russia was ambiguous. The unscrupulous ambitions of the Tsarina, far from sated by triumphs over the Turks, now turned in the direction of Poland. Her many incitements to the monarchs of Sweden, Austria and Prussia to champion the cause of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette were accompanied by no tangible proof of crusading zeal; and, on November 9, 1792, Whitworth (the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg) reported that she would continue to look on the conflagration with the utmost composure; and again that she had throughout sought to engage all Europe in the quarrel with France and to remain herself a spectator of the desolation. The knowledge of her Machiavellian designs on Poland and only weakened the efforts of the German sovereigns against France, but imposed caution on England.

"Whitworth found reason for believing that her recent overture was prompted by a desire to stiffen the attitude of the British Government towards France, and thereby to increase the chances of a rupture between the Western Powers. Her scheme of partitioning Poland was maturing apace; and on the 27th, he reported the general desire in Russian official circles that it should remain unknown in London until the Anglo-French rupture occurred. That wish was to be gratified; for on March 1, the day on which the Partition Treaty was ratified, he stated that there was great satisfaction at our being forced into hostilities without any further negotiation, from which it was always feared some pacific system might ultimately have resulted."

One has only to substitute in the above extracts "Stalin" for "Catharine," "the Reich" for "France," and "the democracies" for "Western Powers" or "German Sovereigns," in order to get an exact description of what has been happening in Europe today. It is, therefore, evident that the present Russian attitude is not due to any new and original plan of the Machiavellian Bolsheviks, but is merely a reversion to type, a return to the ancient national policy of Russia. In fact, history is repeating itself.

Usual Method of Dismissal

While on the subject of Russia I might give another minor instance of the same period. In recent times we have heard a lot about political murders in Russia and the notorious "purges", which are supposed to be typical of the Bolshevik régime. Yet, as long ago as 1801, when Tsar Paul was murdered in his palace by his own officers, the famous French statesman, Talleyrand, could make the grim jest: "Assassination is the usual method of dismissal in Russia."

Then there was the ever-recurring question of the blockade and the treatment of neutral shipping. At the turn of the 18th century complaints of the neutrals about rights of search were exactly the same as they are today. Then, as now, the whole problem centred round the two questions: 1. Are neutrals treated with due consideration in the methods of search: 2. Is the Court which adjudicates on doubtful cases a properly constituted one?

Every British government of those days, no matter what its political leanings, adhered firmly to its full rights of search. And one of their despatches dealing with this question states unequivocally: "If we give way to them, we may as well disarm our navy at once and determine to cede without further contest all that we have taken as a counterbalance to the Continental acquisitions of France."

Closest Parallel

The closest parallel of all is offered by the conditions leading to the outbreak of war in 1803 with those of 1939. In February, 1801, Pitt, the "Great Commoner," had resigned for reasons of domestic politics, and Addington, a mediocre and pacifist politician became Prime Minister. After lengthy negotiations peace was signed with France at Amiens in March 1802. So anxious was the Addington government to obtain peace at any price that, although Great Britain had been completely victorious at sea, they handed back almost all our colonial conquests, and took no steps to ensure the safety of their Allies, nor quite specially, the independence of Holland.

This reminds one of the situation at Munich in September 1939, when Mr. Chamberlain in his anxiety for peace failed to make sure of the integrity of the remaining portion of Czechoslovakia. Those who have followed recent events in Europe will doubtless be inclined to agree with the following criticisms:—

"In common with nearly all our leading politicians, Chamberlain and Halifax deeply distrusted Hitler, believing him to be animated by boundless ambitions, inveterate hatred of this country and an utter disregard of principle. Thus, personal considerations, not less than regard for national security, led ministers to insist on a speedy answer to the alternatives: either the integrity of Poland or war .....Furthermore the procedure of the British Government was inconsistent. In the month of August, 1939, they assumed an unbending attitude which was all the more surprising and annoying by contrast with their tame acquiescence throughout nearly the whole of the year 1938. Doubtless their intention was finally to impress Hitler with the power of the British Government to make out a good case, and of the nation to support it, if need be, by force of arms. If so, the change was belated and abrupt.

"Probably it seemed to him unreal; for it evoked from him further efforts at intimidation, nor did he lower his tone until, to his surprise, he discovered the imminence of hostilities. There seems, therefore, good ground for concluding that Chamberlain and his colleagues never recovered the ground lost by their previous tame acquiescence, and that by the end of the year 1938 Hitler had concluded that they were amenable to methods of intimidation which he had found successful in every other instance. A study of history should have revealed to him the error of coercing the Island Power overmuch."

That would appear to be a fair criticism of Mr. Chamberlain's policy and its results. Yet, in actual fact, the extracts are from the "Cambridge History of British Foreign Policy" published in 1922, and all that we have done is to substitute Hitler for Napoleon, Chamberlain for Addington, Halifax for Hawkesbury, "Integrity of Poland" for "possession of Malta," and the years 1938 and 1939 for 1802 and 1803. Could historical parallelism go any closer?

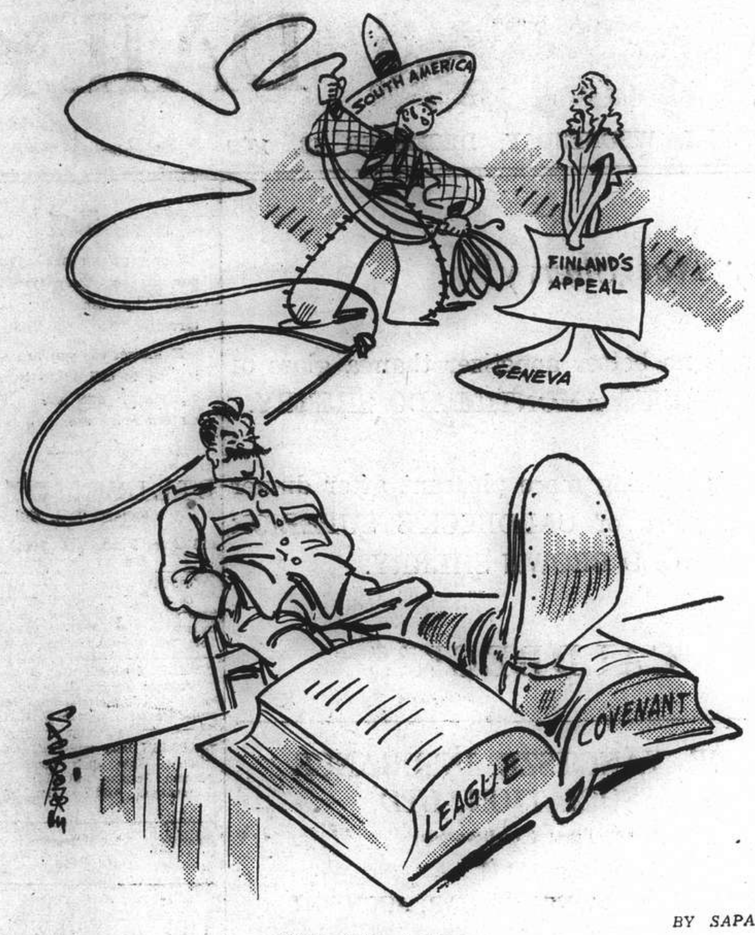
Unflattering Analysis

As to "the error of coercing the Island Power overmuch," a French historian of the 19th century, Albert Sorel, gives the following unflattering, though probably correct, analysis of the attitude of the British people towards foreign policy:—

"The English only make up their minds to fight when their interests seem absolutely threatened. But then, plunging into the struggle because they feel themselves bound to do so, they apply to it a serious concentrated passion, an animosity the more tenacious because its motive is so self regarding. Their history is full of alternations between an indifference which makes people think them decadent, and a rage which baffles their foes. They are seen, in turn, abandoning and dominating Europe, neglecting the greatest Continental matters and again claiming to control the smallest, turning from peace at any price to war to the death."

It is strange that neither Napoleon nor Herr Hitler should have troubled to study the British character with the same care as did M. Sorel. In the heyday of his power Napoleon used to speak contemptuously of the English as "That nation of shopkeepers," an estimate that in later days, during his enforced sojourn on St. Helena, he had cause to revise, when he himself ascribed his downfall to his failure to come to terms with Great Britain. For Herr Hitler there is even less excuse, seeing that, in his own life-time, he has experienced the fatal results of driving the pacifically-minded British people to take up arms.

The above examples of how history repeats itself would seem to prove that a close acquaintance with the history of the past ought to form a main part of the equipment of any statesman. And one of the minor conclusions at which one must arrive today is that the German people are entirely responsible for the present situation, in that they have entrusted the conduct of their national policy to their leaders none of whom have ever given themselves the trouble to study the history of the past. Unfortunately, the rest of the world has now got to suffer for this piece of negligence of the German nation.



BY SAPAJOU

If He Won't Move

Annual Meeting of Ayer Tawah

Report Very Satisfactory Increased Profits Shown Owing Rise in Prices

The thirtieth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co. Ltd., was held yesterday in the offices of the Secretaries, The Geddes Trading & Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., 61, Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Mr. L. E. Canning, O.B.N. (chairman) presided, supported by Messrs T. Hunter and A. J. Welch, directors, Mr. F. H. Artindale, representing the Secretaries, and the following shareholders:—Messrs A. Someck, P. D. Raeburn, S. Davidian, F. Ching and Wong Yu Ching. The total holding represented, inclusive of proxies, was 75,297 shares.

The chairman's speech was as follows:—

The working for the past year has resulted in a profit of CS$138,923.58 as compared with a profit for the previous year of CS$112,202.92. This increase is attributable to the fact that the average nett price realized for our products was 26.58 Straits cents as compared with 22.64 for the previous period. The output for the year was 395,000 lbs. as against 544,000 lbs. and the quota for our financial year averaged 48⅛ per cent. of Standard Production, or 333,157 lbs. We therefore carry forward an excess of 61,843 lbs. uncouponed; this with the remaining 40,000 odd lbs. is taken into stock at the conservative figure of 16.88 Straits cents per lb.

Land Acquired

We have acquired during the year at a cost of CS$19,465.39 a further 96 acres of excellent land and the outlay for felling and burning this, as well as the upkeep to 125½ acres of the immature area and 50 acres of new clearings, has cost CS$25,423.73. The expenditure on replanting absorbed CS$57,552.45 which it is recommended be written off out of profits. The board also recommend the payment of a dividend of 20 China Dollar cents per share for the year and to write off the odd amount of CS$1,465.39 from Property Account, making that item a round figure of CS$140,000.00. In view of the further expenditure to be incurred on replanting and the upkeep of the immature areas, it is felt that a carry forward of CS$57,751.93 is not excessive in spite of the fact that the release for the present quarter is 72⅛ per cent. and the market price of rubber is round about 39 Straits cents per lb. There has been a book profit on exchange of CS$44,909.06 which has been placed to Exchange Fluctuation Reserve Account.

Financially Sound

Financially, the company is in a very satisfactory position since if you pass the recommendations now made by your directors the company will start the new year with a surplus of Liquid Assets over Cash Liabilities of about CS$160,000.00.

Your estate has as usual been kept in first class condition and all buildings and machinery have been given the necessary upkeep and are reported to be in a satisfactory state of repair. The supply of labour although reduced has been sufficient to meet all requirements. Unfortunately, the incidence of malaria again made itself felt but by energetic anti-malarial measures the epidemic was overcome after prevailing from April to July and I am glad to be able to report that when we last heard from the Estate, there were no cases in hospital.

Staff Complimented

Mr. J. Watson was confirmed in his appointment as manager from the January 1 this year and has shown marked ability in its management. To him, to the staff on the Estate, to the Straits Agents and to the Visiting Agent, I would like on your behalf, gentlemen, to convey our thanks for the manner in which they, in their different spheres, have helped to allow your board to give you this satisfactory report. Your Estate is making good progress and provided nothing unforeseen occurs, I think you can look forward to an even better showing for the coming year.

That is all I have to say, Gentlemen, and I will now propose: "That the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, as presented, be accepted and passed." This resolution is seconded by Mr. A. J. Welch but before formally putting it to the Meeting, I will be pleased to answer any questions there-anent to the best of my ability. There being no questions, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the report and statement of account for the year ended September 30, 1939, as presented, be accepted and passed. Proposed by: L. E. Canning; Seconded by: A. J. Welch.

That a dividend of twenty China standard dollar cents per share on the issued share capital of the company be declared and paid to the shareholders on the Register on December 12, 1939. Proposed by: L. E. Canning; Seconded by: T. Hunter.

That Mr. T. Hunter be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by: L. E. Canning; Seconded by: A. J. Welch.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year in Penang at an annual remuneration of St. $180.00 and in Shanghai at an annual remuneration of $250.00. Proposed by: A. Someck; Seconded by: P. D. Raeburn.

That a sum of China $500.00 be contributed to the Central British War Fund. Proposed by: L. E. Canning; Seconded by: A. J. Welch.

That a sum of China Dollars one hundred and fifty be contributed to the British Forces Recreation Centre Fund. Proposed by: L. E. Canning; Seconded by: A. J. Welch.

Mr. A. Someck then proposed the following resolution:—"In view of the general increases in Secretaries' and Auditors' Fees in consequence of the low value of the China dollar, and having regard for the excellent standard of management of this Company, I wish to propose that the directors' fees be increased in line with these by computing half their fees at 1/2⅔ths and re-converting into local dollars at the Bank's official buying rate ruling on the last day of each month and paying the remaining half in China currency."

This was seconded by Mr. P. D. Raeburn and passed unanimously by the shareholders present, to which Mr. Canning suitably replied, expressing on behalf of his colleagues thanks to the shareholders for their kind consideration of the board.

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San Francisco, Dec. 11.

Cars were swept off the highway, power lines destroyed, trees uprooted and windows smashed in a gale which swept the coast from here to Canada. Many small vessels are reported to have been swamped. Although there have been many cases of minor injuries, no serious casualties are known.—Reuter.

German Ambassador Returns to Rome

Rome, Dec. 12.

The German Ambassador returned to Rome for the week-end, when the French Ambassador left here for Paris, it was learned last night. The German Ambassador conferred with Chancellor Adolf Hitler and the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, Signor Bernardo Attolico, it was understood.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 13, 1869

From Canton:—We hear that the Commissioner of Customs at Canton has received from the King of the Belgians, the order of Leopold, as a mark of the King's sense of Mr. Commissioner Glover's kindness and courtesy shown to the King on his visit to Canton, when Duc de Brabant a few years since. Mr. Glover will probably place a higher value on the "Leopold" than on the order of the Dragon, which Mr. R. Hart has conferred so graciously and gratuitously on Customs's employees.

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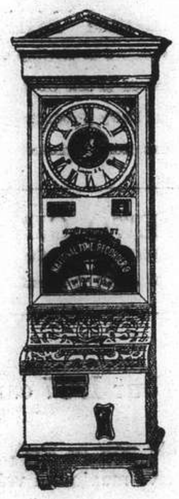

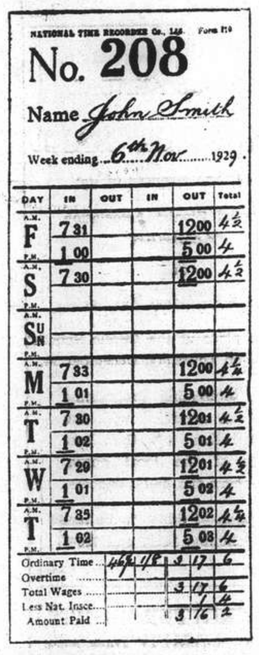

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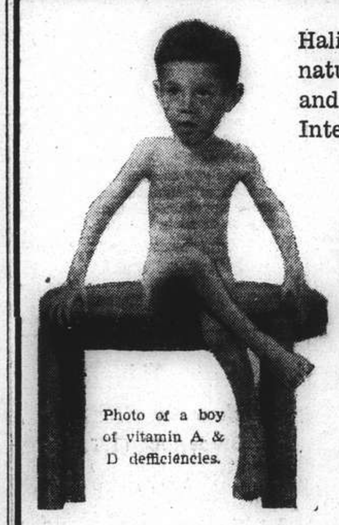

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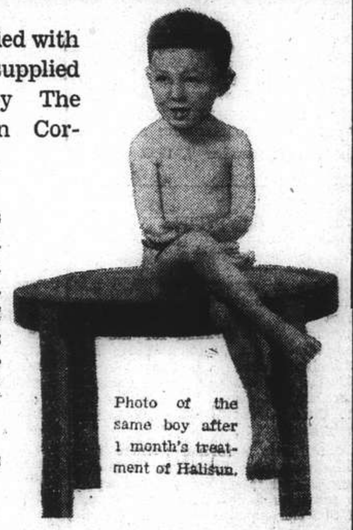

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London Letter

Mr. Chamberlain's Speech

Eloquent Plea Against Criticisms of Trade Control; Difficulties with Ration Cards

By O. M. Green
(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, Nov. 14.

TO continue working while laid up in bed with a bad attack of gout as Mr. Chamberlain has been doing deserves a D.S.O. at least. It is his first attack for 18 months and even those who criticize him still admire his grit and sympathize with his misfortunes.

The Prime Minister may or may not have been glad to escape the Lord Mayor's lunch. Of such entertainments one might say, like the signpost at Nikko to the Somen Waterfall, "It is well to have been there once": but these official "crammings and bustings" can become wearisome.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech, exquisitely read for him by Sir John Simon, contained an eloquent plea for the Civil Service against the flood of criticisms of the many trade controls and all-round restrictions; and he begged that such criticisms should be levelled at the Ministers concerned and not at their underlings. He went on:—

I would ask you to think for a moment what would have been said if the war had begun, as everyone expected, with a series of airs raids on our towns and factories, and had found people crowded together in schools and places of entertainment while the night was illuminated by street lamps and shop-windows and the tracks of railways were marked out by lighted trains.

This is just. The fact that the war has not gone as expected, with continual waves of aeroplanes trying to bomb us, has naturally made people more impatient of the restrictions. Much of the criticism has no doubt been exaggerated. Much of it has been just. The expropriation of hotels and schools for the use of Government offices which after all have frequently not used them, has been carried out harshly and often without any regard for other available and suitable premises.

The criticism of the many trade controls rests on too sound a basis to be ignored. Of course Ministers are ultimately responsible, but they depend on the permanent officials who must share the blame. Why not? In any other line of business they would have to do so. And if it had not been for the uproar, in Parliament as well as that iniquitous thing, the Press, the blunders made would not have been corrected.

Ration Cards Issued

We have received our ration cards. By the time we are required to use them, I hope to have mastered their meaning. They remind me of a game of my childhood called lotto, in which you covered up numbers on a card with counters at the throw of dice. But how you use them to buy a hard-boiled egg or a sandwich is beyond me.

But the way the railway companies are begging that ham sandwiches may be sold without an inroad on the ration card. The L.M.S. alone are said to sell 1,000,000 sandwiches a year. And they are very good sandwiches. If they are not rationed, the Company will sell 2,000,000.

Mr. Morrison is in the position of the old man, his son and the donkey in Æsop's fable. If he doesn't ration, the Socialists are furious. If he does ration, the rest of the country are furious. Excepting bacon and possibly butter, there are huge food stocks in the country. It is difficult not to think that if the ordinary merchants were allowed to handle them—as the fish and tea merchants have been again allowed to do—supplies would reach consumers as evenly as they usually do.

Meanwhile it is good news that there is to be no "pool margarine," and manufacturers are to be allowed to sell their own brands by name. And Mr. Lloyd, the Mines Minister, has at last been persuaded that with thousands of miners unemployed and unlimited coal in the mines there need be no coal rationing.

"Kicking the Hound Round"

On the other hand it cannot be denied that manufacturers need to be watched. It came to my knowledge this week that a big firm which makes dog biscuits has notified its agents that henceforth it will only make the most expensive kinds. That will be a real hardship on poor people and their dogs, which really seems indefensible.

Rumour, too, has made things worse than they are. This week Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked the Minister for Home Security whether it were true, and if so why, that hotels had been told that dinners, concerts, dances and other entertainments were forbidden.

Sir John Anderson replied that no such order had ever been given and he was glad to be able to contradict the rumour. The only rule was that such entertainments must close at 11 p.m.

So much for respectable houses. But the hunt is up against the many cabarets of doubtful repute which have sprung up like mushrooms for the benefit, or otherwise, of Service men on leave. The police raided four or five of them this week and took hundreds of names. "Grandmotherly legislation" is always unpopular, but few people will disagree that young men in the services do need to be protected from the unpleasant people who lie in wait to pray upon them.

Parish Priest Blesses Bar

Side by side with the activities of the under-world one likes to mention the example of a parish priest Mr. B. C. Foulger, at a village in Oxfordshire, who, when a new public house was being opened, was asked by the publican to come and give it his blessing—which he did holding a brief service in the bar. After which he "stood treat" to all present. His view was that a good "pub" and a good publican could do as much good in a village as a parson. But no doubt many estimable people will be terribly shocked at such "trokin's wi' the Evil One."

The announcement by the Director of Economic Research that if Hitler has some terrible secret weapon for us, we certainly have one for him, has naturally caused excitement. This particular director has some 800 scientists working for him—some on whole, some part time, the framework of the organization having been built up several months before the war.

And in addition, of course, all the researches of the ordinary time inventor are at his disposal. About 300 ideas for inventions reach him every week. Perhaps one per cent. is practicable. Then there are the gentlemen who know how to destroy all the enemy's forces at one blow, but must be paid £100,000 down before they will explain how.

Impracticable Devices

Archimedes was said to have set the Athenians' ships at Syracuse on fire with a great burning-glass. Modern inventors suggest magnets which would draw U-boats from the bottom of the sea and cast them on shore.

One inventor would safeguard houses from bombs by means of a large funnel above the roof. The bomb drops into it and is deflected down a pipe to earth.

Another suggests enormous parachutes fitted to aeroplanes, to hold them up from crashing. Another believes in dropping glass globes filled with locusts all over the enemy's country to devour his crops.

An electrician friend of mine has worked out the design of a small electric lamp in the form of a tiepin by which one might read comfortably in darkened trains. But being a sensible man he leaves it at that. Notoriously inventors only ruin themselves while some one else makes the money on their inventions.

Criminal Justice Bill Dropped

That much discussed measure the Criminal Justice Bill has been dropped. Apart from there being no time to put it through, the reforms it contemplated would have cost about £830,000 which can't be afforded now.

The most famous of these reforms was the abolition of the cat except—of gorgeous incongruity—when prison warders, that timid and defenceless class, are attacked by prisoners. This clause caused bitter debates in the Committee stage of the Bill, when practically every woman Member (with an eye to the protection of others besides warders) was against it. It was understood eventually that the clause was to have been left to a free vote of the House, which would almost certainly have meant its being thrown out.

Other reforms were abolition of the terms "convict" and "convict prisons," Borstal treatment for persistent offenders up to the age of 30; and half-day and evening punishment work at compulsory attendance centres instead of prisons sentences in the case of juveniles.

The Socialists are very keen on the Bill and are to urge Sir Samuel Hoare to proceed with it. But he, too, was very keen on it and would not have dropped it if he had seen a chance of completing it. So in all probability the Socialists will plead in vain.

Even without it the lenience with which offenders, particularly juveniles are treated, is much criticized and the great increase in crime—again particularly among juveniles—seems to support the critics. The jibe that it pays better to be a criminal than to be poor and honest does not appear ill-founded.

During the past few days ugly riots have been reported in prisons, to which a number of prisoners had been transported from London to be away from possible air-raids. It is said that they considered themselves affronted by being sent to mere country prisons and to have agreed to show the "country bumpkins" a thing or two. At any rate it seems clear that the rioters are pretty tough characters, for whom any further relaxation of prison discipline would be quite out of place. It is a mystery why some good people are always so much more affected by the woes of the criminal than by those of his victim or society at large.

Accidents Due to Blackouts

During last month 919 people died in Great Britain as the result of road accidents, 564 of them in the dark—compared with 641 in October 1938. This is about 200 better than in September, but still quite bad enough. If the war lasts three years the death roll at this rate will amount to an army corps.

I noticed this week that one magistrate dropped heavily on the pedestrians. They can see a motor car coming in the blackout, he said, but the motorist can't see them.

This is perfectly true. The road from my house to the station, about a mile long, has for the most part a perfectly good path alongside. Will the pedestrians use it? Most of them do not and it is quite impossible to see them. I haven't killed one yet but live in hopes. That may teach the others.

Trade Representative Home

Mr. W. W. Kirkpatrick who gave up the House of Commons to go to China as British Board of Trade representative, owing to the continuance of the Sino-Japanese war, has returned "to the City" as chairman of mining companies in Europe and South and East Africa.

In April of this year on behalf of a British syndicate he negotiated the purchase of German-owned and controlled electric and gas companies in Ankara and other places in Turkey, from Berlin banking interests to whom the concerns were mortgaged. The price paid by the British Syndicate was in the neighbourhood of over 20,000,000 blocked German marks.

After the purchase from the Germans was completed, the purchasers sold the undertaking as a going concern to the Turkish Government. The Turkish Government have thus been able to complete the acquisition of all public utility companies which in the past had been established by foreigners and by foreign investors in Turkey. Moreover in this particular case, the Turkish Government were enabled to buy in the concern in question at a very considerably lower price than they could have done by direct purchase from Germany.

News of Day Newsreel

Class in the Study of "Fish"

This particular "Fish" is of a deadly species the torpedo. This class of British naval tars is shown at work in one of the naval schools where Torpedo Gunnery is taught. It is quite a science in itself. A demonstration torpedo is in foreground.

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SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Peiping, Dec. 5.

THE Japanese have no luck. Just when they were starting to dish up again the well-worn story that Marshal Wu Pei-fu was coming forth from retirement as the saviour of his country—though this time in the more modest role of Commander-in-Chief—the veteran dies. It is typical of his obstinacy and of the trouble he has given them all along, and one would almost be inclined to think that he had died on purpose to spite them. For with Mr. Wang Ching-wei's government continually hanging fire, in fact receding ever further into the mists of doubt and distrust, the Japanese military authorities in China were badly in need of some such name as that of Wu Pei-fu, for home consumption, if only to gloss over their present political difficulties and to gain time, until they had formulated some fresh "immutable policy."

The story, emanating from Japanese sources in recent weeks, that the Marshal had thought better of his former refusals seems to have been devoid of all foundation. It was, at most, a piece of wishful thinking on their part. From circles close to the Marshal, one is given to understand that, right up to the end, he was as determined as ever not to take any part in a government under Japanese tutelage and continued to insist on guarantees for complete freedom of action in matters of finance, army and foreign policy.

There has, of course, been the usual crop of rumours as to his having come to a violent end. Indeed, the first reaction of the man-in-the-street in Peiping, when told the news, was: "who killed him?" Nor is this entirely strange, seeing that his death was very sudden, the Marshal having been ill only two or three days. There seems, however, little doubt that he really did die a natural death, as is reported, from blood poisoning due to a septic tooth. Indeed, it is difficult to see who would have wanted to do away with him. The Japanese most certainly not; nor the Chungking government, even though he was no particular friend of theirs. For as long as he was alive and kept on refusing, he provided them with an excellent text: "Well, there you are: even Wu Pei-fu, you see, won't work with the Japanese."

Japanese Theorists

That the Japanese put their money on Marshal Wu and continued to believe in him despite repeated rebuffs is typical, of which we have had many similar instances during the "China Incident." Japanese military gentlemen are great theorists and once having found a theory which fits in with their wishes—if not with facts—continue to drive it to death, no matter what difficulties and disappointments such theory may create for them in practice.

In this particular case their theory overlooked one very important fact. One of the reasons why Marshal Wu Pei-fu was so popular among his countrymen during the days of his power in the twenties was, because he was regarded as a true patriot who was going to save China from Japanese domination. Had he not, amid the frienzied plaudits of emotional students, overthrown the notorious Anfu Party which had practically sold out to the Japanese? And when the Marshal was in his cups, which happened occasionally in those far-off days, he used to boast of how, after he had settled up with Marshal Chang Tso-lin and had united China, he was going to drive the Japanese out of Manchuria.

But much was to happen to him before then: two overwhelming defeats, the second, by the Kuomintang, of such a decisive character that Wu was never able to recover and stage a come-back. Naturally he was no lover of the Kuomintang, for the rest of his life, seeing that they had put an end to his military and political career. But that he should for that reason love and admire the Japanese, was the kind of mistake that only the Lawrences of Manchoukuo and similar Japanese theorists could make. A China without either Japanese or Kuomintang rule was the China that Wu Pei-fu had always envisaged and was to continue to envisage to the very end of his life.

Interesting Speculation

It is interesting to speculate whether, if Marshal Wu Pei-fu, instead of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, had succeed in uniting China, he would have been more successful than the latter in the conduct of the war against Japan. I see no reason to believe so; on the contrary, I think he would have done very much worse. It is true that in the heyday of his power his countrymen hailed Marshal Wu as the Napoleon of China. But then the Chinese estimate of military genius is somewhat different from our own. (One of the most admired military genuises in Chinese history is a certain general who was holding a walled city with a handful of troops and, when he saw a large hostile army approaching, placed a row of dummy figures on the wall, thus frightening away the enemy. This example of military strategy has a flavour of the civil wars of the 'twenties in which Wu took a leading part, and which were mostly conducted on commercial and financial principles rather than according to the dictates of military strategy. And in those two branches of knowledge Wu was certainly woefully deficient.

Yet he was an exception in those civil war times, when Chinese officers led their regiments from behind. For Wu was a firstclass fighting-man, and in many a scrap in Szechuan and Hunan he fought, sword in hand, at the head of his troops. Indeed, that was how he ended in his last fight at Wuchang, when he had to be dragged forcibly from the midst of the melee by some of his followers. But that was the whole trouble. Marshal Wu regarded a hand-to-hand scrap as the main part of a general's job. Of military organization and strategy, in the modern sense, he would not appear to have had the most elementary notion.

During the war with Chang Tso-lin in 1924 Wu Pei-fu had massed his large army round Shanhaikuan on the Great Wall. When Feng Yu-hsiang who commanded his left wing ratted to the other side and marched back to Peiping, Wu had more than enough troops to have held back Chang Tso-lin on the Wall and to have moved back quickly himself by rail with a superior force and crushed Feng. But he had got his armies so hopelessly mixed up and the railway line so completely blocked, that he was unable to move and simply went to pieces.

Exactly the same thing happened in his last fight against the Nationalists in 1926 at Wuchang. He rushed across the Yangtze with a small part of his force, while his main army was still coming down the Peking-Hankow line by train. When he was defeated and forced to recross the Yangtze, he was unable to rally his forces strung out in hopeless confusion all along the railway. Marshal Wu had a very considerable portion of human vanity and obstinacy, which prevented him from ever listening to any of his expert advisers, Chinese or foreign. And there is nothing in his military career warranting the belief that he would have had the faintest chance of success, if he had commanded the Chinese armies against the Japanese modern military machine.

Always a Poor Man

In one thing Wu stood out head and shoulders above his contemporaries: he alone of the long procession of rapacious and greedy tuchuns of the 'twenties never tried to make his personal fortune out of politics. And when he went down to defeat and passed out of public life, he was as poor as he had been, when he first entered it. The Chinese are a practical people, and they attach the greater value to a virtue, the more difficult they find it is to practice.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, with all his faults, was a fine character and a true patriot. That, nevertheless, he was a complete political failure may be ascribed to the fact that, like so many other well-known failures in history, he was born a century or two too late.

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Chinese Conscripted For Highway Work

Japanese Mechanized Units Unable to Advance

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hongkong, Dec. 3.

Large numbers of able-bodied young men were drafted by the Japanese in the occupied area around Canton for Yamchow in southwestern Kuangtung for the repair of the highway leading across the Hundred Thousand Mountain Range to Nanning, as the trunk line must be repaired quickly for the use of motorized units for further battles.

The highway was broken up about one year ago, and the Chinese troops took about three months to tear it up. It will take the enemy more than three months to repair the highway even for temporary use, hence large members of workmen are pressed into its construction. Because of the poor communication facilities, the Japanese army in and round Nanning are equipped only with light arms, leaving the tanks, armoured cars and field guns behind in Yamchow and Fangcheng.

A Kweilin press dispatch stated that the Japanese spent a year in mapping out the Kwangsi campaign and began the offensive after buying over a regiment of troops on the Hundred Thousand Mountain Range bordering between Kuangtung and Kwangsi provinces. Those troops were bandits roving on the mountains and surrendered to the Kwangsi provincial authorities after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war. They led the enemy up the mountains and fought their own comrades in the rear.

Unorganized Intelligence

It is admitted that liaison and intelligence among the provincial troops guarding the mountain regions were not properly organized, so that when the mercenary forces mutinied, other detachments thought that the Japanese had arrived in the rear. In confusion, the loyal troops retreated down the mountain and scattered. They are mostly new recruits, as the seasoned divisions had gone to the Hupeh and Hunan fronts, according to the Kweilin report.

Because defence of the area north of the mountain range is difficult, the Kwangsi troops had to evacuate Nanning, which is easier to attack than to defend. The Kweilin press dispatch added that both sides are moving up more men for a decisive battle, while the Chinese want to take advantage of the fact that the enemy is not equipped with heavy armaments.

Pro-Chungking vernacular newspapers here as the "Ta Kung Pao" and "National Times" stated that the Japanese in Kwangsi are in danger of being wiped out by the militia and guerillas lurking in the mountains to the north and east of Nanning. The swift Japanese advance, however, after crossing the mountain range was possible owing to the small numbers of regulars guarding that province.

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Tokyo Officials Warm Themselves

Heating Apparatus Used During Cold Wave

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Smoke began whirling out of scores of chimneys in Tokyo today as the ban on the use of coal for heating purposes in Government offices and business houses was officially lifted.

Many offices were tempted several days ago when a cold wave hit Tokyo to turn on the heat for "experimental" purposes, but a majority of the Government offices and business houses waited until today to have heat for the first time this season.

The ban on use of coal was enforced to conserve the country's supply of the fuel.—Domei.

Ban on New Year Wine Criticized By Paper

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

"Somebody obviously is wrong," remarked the "Hochi Shimbun" today in criticizing a Government regulation banning drinking of rice wine during New Year celebrations in Tokyo Prefecture, while permitting indulgences in the festive bowl in Aichi Prefecture.

The paper expressed astonishment at the "illogical attitude" of those in authority in permitting residents of one locality to celebrate in the traditional manner while forbidding others to do likewise, "just because of the bureaucratic interpretation of regulations."—Domei.

Japanese Victories in Southern Shansi

Taiyuan, Dec. 12.

More than 1,200 Chinese soldiers were killed last week in four days of Japanese mopping-up operations in the Chungtiao Mountains, east of the Tatung-Puchow Railway, in southern Shansi province.

Following up the victories, two Japanese detachments broke through a Chinese defence line on one of the heights on Saturday, and pursued the retreating Chinese troops towards Tungchiaokow and Sichiaokow.

Another Japanese detachment, after marching westward from the vicinity of Hsienshan and flanking the left side of the Chinese forces, captured Chiuyu. Meantime, the main Japanese forces in the Mengkiatsun area attacked Chinese troops in the vicinity of Yangkiatsun and Sichinyu.—Domei.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Race Club Defeat Oarsmen At Squash Rackets

Rowing Club Beat Foreign Y.M.C.A.; Great Rally by Wade Overcomes Carson

THE Race Club assumed a definite lead in the first division squash rackets tournament yesterday as a result of their victory over the Oarsmen by three matches to two, becoming thereby the only team in the competition which has not lost a match of the two played by all teams. They have yet to play the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in the first round of the league and there is still a possibility of the first round being completed with all four teams on equal terms. At the Rowing Club yesterday the home team defeated the Foreign Y.M.C.A. by three matches to two thereby making amends for the Oarsmen's defeat at the Association's hands the previous week.

Particularly close matches were witnessed yesterday. L. H. Wade, last year's champion, after his defeat at the hands of W. Neugebauer last week made amends by defeating L. D. Carson in five games, the match providing the spectators with some very exciting play. Carson was well on form in the earlier games and won the first game at 9-6. Wade took the second at 9-1, and a tremendous struggle took place for the third which Carson won at 10-8. With two games in hand, Carson assumed a lead of 7-0 in the fourth game and things looked pretty hopeless for Wade, but the latter made a magnicent recovery and won this game at 9-7, going on to win the fifth and deciding game at 9-0. This was the last match played during the evening and proved the deciding point in the series.

Gotch Over Pote-Hunt

A grand struggle was seen between R. B. Gotch of the Oarsmen and J. W. Pote-Hunt of the Race Club. Pote-Hunt won the first two games after a tremendous struggle but thereafter Gotch was able to bring off his drop shots to perfection and he went through the Race Club player with ace after ace, Pote-Hunt being completely on the defensive. Gotch took a long time to get his shots to work, but once on the offensive he was unbeatable.

E. B. Cumine defeated H. M. Snow in five games, the contest being well fought with the fifth game being played out with great zest. Cumine was just able to wrest the deciding points from Snow. M. Benavitch proved too good for W. M. Portrude and won handsomely in three straight games, and R. D. Parkin just lost to R. S. Frewin in five games, the latter, the youngest player in the Rowing Club senior team playing a very fine game and showing up exceptionally well to defeat his rival. The last game attracted a large gallery of spectators and Frewin was just able to wrest the deciding point by 10-9.

At the Rowing Club the home team managed to gain the edge on the Foreign Y.M.C.A. by 3-2, the winners' lower placed men being able to show up well. D. Green, playing at No. 1 for the Y.M.C.A. had a fairly hard fight before he was able to defeat W. Neugebauer the latter being well on form in the first two games, of which Green won the first and Neugebauer the second, but in the third and fourth games, Green was more in evidence and Neugebauer's shots were more in the nature of retrieves than aggressive shots, the visitor being therefore able to direct the run of play.

Morris Over Baker

G. W. Morris proved too good for T. E. Baker, the latter being last year's junior champion who was promoted from No. 4 in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. team to No. 2 position yesterday. Morris' aggressive style of play put Baker completely off his game and he could not maintain the fast pace set with the result that his placements were out on most occasion.

H. G. Fabian defeated J. L. Berglof in three games to one while A. C. Sinclair accounted for R. Berglof in three straight games, the second, third and fourth string victories for the Rowing Club thereby giving the home team their required advantage over their visitors from the Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Yet another hard match was seen when M. Ginsbourg of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. narrowly defeated C. S. Kimber of the Rowing Club in five games, the two players continuing their contest for ten minutes over the hour to decide the issue.

ROWING CLUB 3, Y.M.C.A. 2

W. Neugebauer lost to D. Green, 7-9, 9-7, 3-9, 4-9.
G. W. Morris defeated T. E. Baker, 9-7, 9-5, 9-6.
H. G. Fabian defeated J. L. Berglof, 9-0, 9-4, 6-9, 9-6.
A. C. Sinclair defeated R. Berglof, 9-2, 9-4, 9-5.
C. S. Kimber lost to M. Ginsbourg, 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 8-10, 6-9.

RACE CLUB 3, OARSMEN 2

L. H. Wade defeated L. D. Carson, 6-9, 9-1, 8-10, 9-7, 9-0.
J. W. Pote-Hunt lost to R. B. Gotch, 10-9, 9-6, 6-9, 1-9, 0-9.
E. B. Cumine defeated H. M. Snow, 9-5, 6-9, 9-1, 4-9, 9-5.
M. Benavitch defeated W. M. Portrude, 9-4, 9-6, 9-0.
R. D. Parkin lost to R. S. L. Frewin, 9-10, 9-6, 2-9, 9-3, 9-10.

Club's Best XV to Meet Seaforths

Marines to Oppose Area Details in This Week's Rugger Programme

The rugby programme this week-end is up to the excellent standard that has been seen in the past month, the match that takes the eye being that between the Club 1st XV and the undefeated Seaforth Highlanders. This should be an excellent game with plenty of promise of fine football. Four encounters have been arranged, two each for Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday the two best games of the week take place, the Scots meeting the Club and after this, the Old Crocks will take the field, the "Have Beens" meeting the "Once Wasers."

In the first match, in which the Seaforths will endeavour to maintain their unbeaten record against the almost untried Club fifteen, spectators in large numbers should be on hand, because it is quite on the cards that the Seaforths will retire with their sheet blemished for the first time. The Club's outsides, who are likely to play a very important part in this struggle, are definitely better than those of their opponents and if they can secure the ball with any certainty—and there is no reason why they should not—then the Jocks are going to have a very tough tussle.

This game will be different by far from those in which the Tommies have met the Marines and the game should be fairly open with the outsides showing their strength from start to finish. The Club's pack is as good as the Jocks' while their backs can move far better than their opposite numbers. A fine game should result with the Scotsmen probably meeting their first Waterloo by a narrow margin.

This game begins at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, while an hour later the Old Crocks game is scheduled to take place. No comment is being made about this match today, but remarks will be reserved until tomorrow.

Marines Favoured

On Sunday at 2.30 p.m., the Area Details will oppose the United States Marines "A" XV. The composition of the American side is not yet known, but, with their non-stop tactics, they are likely to give their British rivals a very hard game and it is doubtful whether the Details will be able to meet with any degree of confidence, the side opposing them.

At 3 p.m., the Club 2nd and the Seaforth Highlanders 2nd XV will engage each other.

SATURDAY

2.30 p.m. Club 1st XV v. Seaforth Highlanders 1st XV. Referee: Mr. E. R. West.
3.30 p.m. Old Crocks Match.

SUNDAY

2.30 p.m. Area Details v. Marines "A" XV. Referee: Mr. D. W. MacEwan.
3 p.m. Club 2nd XV v. Seaforth Highlanders 2nd XV. Referee: Mr. R. D. K. Silby.

CLUB TEAMS

CLUB 1ST XV:—W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, A. Thomas, B. R. Brown, S. J. Ward; A. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickinson; W. D. Pearson, R. U. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, G. Gordon Brown, B. P. Tay, F. J. Knightly, C. F. Pow, J. D. Sayle.

CLUB 2ND XV:—J. L. R. Mair; K. Okimoto, W. P. Hetherington, R. S. L. Frewen, L. S. Tomashevsky; W. V. K. Chadwick, B. A. St. Louis; M. O. Liddell, J. W. Chapman, L. D. M. Beattie, J. R. Balkie, G. H. Reynolds, D. M. Wheeler, J. Filman, C. H. Hodgman.

Club members unable to turn out are requested to phone Mr. Pearson (1st XV) at 11.30, or Mr. Grieve (2nd XV) at 11428, in order that arrangements may be made to replace them.

Women's Doubles Pin Championship

Lead Taken by Mrs. Tate And Miss Baptista

Outscoring their closest rivals in the second round at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Mrs. Tate and Miss Baptista are well on their way to win the Shanghai Ladies Doubles Duck Pins championship, having already amassed an aggregate of 1,163. The two leaders bowled 585 pins yesterday and are 23 pins ahead of Mrs. Malleck and Mrs. Collaco, who finished third in the first round.

Mrs. Schuster and Mrs. Dalton, who tied with Mrs. Tate and Miss Baptista in the opening round dropped to third place, being only two pins behind Mrs. Malleck and Mrs. Collaco. It is unlikely that these two couples will be able to overtake the leaders tomorrow at the Columbia Country Club when the final round takes place.

Miss McIntyre and Miss Hykes made a fine jump from seventh to fourth place. Mrs. Kwok and Mrs. Evens also did well to climb from tenth to fifth.

The best single and triple were turned in by Mrs. Pote-Hunt, who scored 128 and 309. Her 3-game total, however, was tied by Mrs. Vines.

The best scores were:

Mrs. Tate	99	97	90	286	
Miss Baptista	106	96	95	299	
	207	193	185	585	1163
Mrs. Malleck	102	107	95	304	
Mrs. Collaco	83	99	98	280	
	185	206	193	584	1140
Mrs. Schuster	100	86	105	291	
Mrs. Dalton	93	87	99	289	
	193	173	194	580	1139
Miss McIntyre	100	97	87	284	
Miss Hykes	100	99	103	302	
	200	196	190	586	1134
Mrs. Kwok	93	107	100	300	
Mrs. Evans	95	95	98	288	
	188	202	198	588	1127
Mrs. Vines	100	94	115	309	
Mrs. Cardwell	73	82	105	260	
	173	176	220	560	1118
Mrs. Bristow	88	87	82	257	
Mrs. Geibel	109	93	93	295	
	197	180	175	552	1095
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	128	92	89	309	
Mrs. Prince	86	78	77	241	
	214	170	166	550	1083
Mrs. Huebner	85	88	91	264	
Mrs. Jensen	90	91	81	262	
	175	179	172	526	1032
Mrs. Deegan	87	97	87	271	
Mrs. Rundall	86	86	93	265	
	173	183	180	536	1078

Men's Leadership Changes Hands

Butler and Huebner Move Up; Former Pace-Makers Unable to Take Part

As both A. C. Kew and Messersmith, members of the two leading teams in the first round were in hospital and were unable to bowl yesterday in the second round, Tommy Butler and Al Huebner succeeded in taking the lead with a fairly comfortable margin of 31 pins over their nearest rivals, Fiori and Dolinsek, and now become favourites for the Shanghai Men's Doubles Duck Pins championship.

Butler was in his usual good form last night, scoring a triple of 324. Huebner, who did not do so well in the opening round, made amends by chalking up 307 pins to build up a team aggregate of 1,308.

The third and last round will be run off tomorrow at the Shanghai Race Club and an interesting climax is expected as several teams are closely bunched together and upsets are quite possible.

Huebner	109	101	97	307	
Butler	119	103	102	324	
				631	130
Fiori	95	101	95	291	
Dolinsek	107	95	109	311	
				602	1277
Squires	101	97	107	305	
Hilden	105	96	110	311	
				616	1269
Deegan	102	93	127	322	
Klovekorn	90	96	100	286	
				608	1265
Hebel	81	112	102	295	
Dalton	100	123	95	318	
				613	1263
Gonsalves	105	94	118	317	
Kleffel	113	110	86	309	
				625	1262
Childress	86	108	98	292	
Rozier	90	100	100	290	
				582	1259
Allen	83	96	100	285	
Winecoff	92	106	105	303	
				588	1242
Ashley	81	95	83	264	
Davis	102	112	92	306	
				570	1238
Kimball	103	96	96	295	
Bordwell	96	109	110	305	
				600	1232
Watton	123	102	100	325	
L. C. Kew	99	121	98	318	
				643	1229
Xavier	106	82	118	306	
Maitland	91	98	95	284	
				590	1203

Disappointment for U.S. Athletes

Long Training for Olympiad; Many New Records

New York, Dec. 11.

The cards are stacked against the Olympic Games being staged next year, probably precluding another U.S. victory forecast by 115 new records set by young American athletes this year while preparing themselves for the 1940 Olympiad.

A movement is afoot for a Pan-American Olympiad in case the war crisis forces Finland to abandon the games. However, there would be little glory and less compensation for the youngsters, some of whom have been working since 1936 in hopes of an Olympic trip, in meeting the athletes from South and Central America. This country's athletes are so much further advanced than most of those from other parts of the western hemisphere that a Pan-American Olympiad would be no contest unless it were run on a handicap basis.

The Annual A.A.U. convention in Florida approved overwhelmingly the proposal to establish the Pan-American Games among the nations of the western hemisphere. The convention also approved a number of new athletic marks as American records.

New Marks

There was a more even distribution of marks this year than at any other time in recent history and no individual dominated the accomplishments as did Ralph Flanagan, the Miami swimmer who had 14 marks to his credit last year.

Allan Tolmich, Detroit hurdler, was high man this year with six new records to his credit. Dick Hough, Princeton breast stroke swimmer, was second with five. He was followed by Johnny Borican, Shore Athletic Club Runner, and Jane Dilliard, Dallas, Texas, breast stroke swimmer, with four each.

The only marks which were forwarded to the International Amateur Athletic Federation for world recognition were swimming feats. Two of them belong to Hough and the other to the 400-yard free style relay team of the New York Athletic Club.

Hough, a Princeton performer, was credited with 1 minute 7.3 seconds for the 100-metre breast stroke, more than two seconds under the accepted world mark of 1 minute 9.5 seconds held by J. Balke of Germany. Hough was also clocked in 2 minutes 22 seconds for the 200-metre breast stroke, bettering by a half second the 2 minutes 22.5 second world record of Jack Kasley.—United Press.

Dempsey Leaves

San Francisco, Dec. 12.

After a five-day delay because of bad weather conditions the China Clipper, carrying Jack Dempsey, left yesterday. Dempsey is speeding to Manila to referee the middleweight bout between Ceferino Garcia and Glen Lee.—United Press.

Shanghai Race Club

RACE FIXTURES 1940

Sat'day,	Feb. 17 or Feb. 24	S.P.H.C. Meeting
Sat'day,	Mar. 2	S.R.C. 1st Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Mar. 9	S.R.C. 2nd Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Mar. 16	
Sat'day,	Mar. 23	Easter I.R.C.
Monday,	Mar. 25	Meeting
Sat'day,	Mar. 30	
Sat'day,	Apr. 6	3rd Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Apr. 13	4th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Apr. 20	5th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Apr. 27	6th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	May 4	
Monday,	May 6	Spring Race
Tuesday,	May 7	Meeting
Wed'day,*	May 8	*Champions Day
Sat'day,	May 11	
Sat'day,	May 18	
Sat'day,	Oct. 5	7th Extra Meeting
Th'sday,‡	Oct. 10	8th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Oct. 12	‡Public Holiday 9th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Oct. 19	10th Extra
Sat'day,	Oct. 26	Meeting
Sat'day,	Nov. 2	11th Extra Meeting
Sat'day,	Nov. 9	Autumn Race
Monday,	Nov. 11	Meeting
Tuesday‡	Nov. 12	‡Public Holiday
Wed'day,*	Nov. 13	*Champions Day
Sat'day,	Nov. 16	
Sat'day,	Nov. 23	12th Race Meeting
Sat'day,	Nov. 30	13th Race Meeting
Sat'day,	Dec. 7	14th Race Meeting
Sat'day,	Dec. 14	15th Race Meeting
Th'sday,	Jan. 2	New Year
Friday,	Jan. 3	Meeting
Sat'day,	Jan. 4	

Shanghai's Best Chess Players to Meet

The eighth round in all sections of open tournaments and the first round in the final of the Shanghai chess championship will be played at the International Chess Club tonight. As the championship group includes all the strongest active players of Shanghai, every game scheduled for the round will be of equal importance in the coming struggle for the title of Shanghai chess champion.

The following is the complete draw for the round:

Championship.—Dr. Lipiner, Kosovsky; Stasinevitch, Harnik; Jiritsky, Karpen, Poliakoff bye.

Major "A."—Panchenko, Erkku; Efimoff, Ross; Pineland, Sabouroff; Favstritsky, Dr. Kollek; Spitzer, Schultzer; Boldman, Haritonoff; Skobiaeff, Orjelick; Odintseff, Baromidze; Froelich and Rogoff bye.

Major "B."—Dr. Wrany, Lukianoff; Poate, Dr. Mandel; Koptilin, Kobejsky; Shaniavsky, Oksus; Lockhart, Pennecard; Lange, Karmiloff; Karateeff, Luchich; Donskoy, Braun; Orishak, Keijola; Roudniansky, Tokmakoff.

Minor.—Myadieff, Kohlhauser; Pollack, Tonnochy; Price, Chernosvitoff; Ivanoff, Schneider; Beldin, Kleiman; Moknieff, Assey; Ceatell, Vinogradoff.

H.M. Services' Golf Meeting

Competition Arranged for Tomorrow at Hungjao with Large Number of Entries

Open to members and the families of members of H. M. Regular Forces stationed in Shanghai, the Services Golf Meeting will take place tomorrow at Hungjao.

In the morning the medal round competition will be held and then in the afternoon the Foursomes (Better Ball v. Bogey) will begin.

The starting times and handicaps as well as the draw are as follows.

8.00 Capt. J. Thompson 24
R. R. Hammond Chambers 14
8.04 Mrs. Orme 36
Mrs. Ham 36
8.08 Comdr. J. D. N. Ham 14
Lieut. D. W. E. Chubb 20
8.12 R. H. Farquhar 20
J. N. B. Poyntz 8
8.16 Major E. W. Kennedy 18
Capt. F. A. H. Magee 24
8.20 J. M. Marshall 24
C. M. Grigg 14
8.24 Capt. J. E. Marsh ..... Scr
Paymr. Lt. CKT. Wheen 12
Major W. Macfarlane 17
Capt. E. C. Gray 16
8.32 Maj. Gen. F. Keith Simmons.. 9
Major B. H. Ashmore 8
8.36 Lt. Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray 18
Major G. S. Rawstorne 18
8.40 Mrs. E. Gray 36
Mrs. Wolfe Murrary 36
8.44 Mrs. Skinner 36
Mrs. Macfarlane 36
8.48 Miss Joan Burton 36
Mrs. Keith Simmons 36
8.52 Rear Admiral R. V. Holt 24
Capt. L. S. Saunders 18
8.56 Major J. R. Mackintosh-Walker 10
R. D. Maclagan 12
9 Lt. Col. G. E. Swinton 24
Lt. Col. C. F. Burton 24
9.04 Comdr. F. W. Crowther 20
Paymr. Lt. Comdr. R. M. P. Skinner 11
9.08 Comdr. W. J. C. Prophet 24
A. C. Cater 12
9.12 Capt. C. E. Poole 10
Capt. D. F. Orme 24
9.16 Capt. J. C. Powell 16
Capt. J. S. H. Douglas 24
9.20 I. A. Maclagan 24
Rev. F. W. Weaver 24
9.24 Mrs. Gascoyne 36
Miss Margery Eynon 33
p.m. Comdr. J. B. Woolley 10
Lt. Comdr. G. R. Fuller 16

FOURSOMES v. BOGEY ¾ HANDICAP

12.32 Mrs. Orme (36) and Comdr. J. D. N. Ham (14) v. Mrs. Ham (36) and H. R. Hammond Chambers (14).
12.36 Lieut. D. W. E. Chubb (20) and Major W. Macfarlane (17) v. Capt. J. Thomson (24) and Major E. W. Kennedy (18).
12.40 Major General F. Keith Simmons (8) and R. H. Farquhar (20) v. Commander J. B. Wooley (10) Capt. F. A. H. Magee (24).
12.44 Mrs. Skinner (36) and Major B. H. Ashmore (8) v. Rear Admiral R. V. Holt (24) and Mrs. Macfarlane (36).
12.48 Capt. L. S. Sounders (18) and Mrs. Gascoyne (36) v. Major G. S. Rawstone (18)and Mrs. Keith Simmons (36).
12.52 Lt. Col. R. A. Wolfe-Murray (18) and A. C. Cater (12) v. Capt. J. E. Marsh (Scr) and Lt. Col. C. F. Burton (24).
12.56 Lt. Col. G. E. Swinton (24) and Paymr. Lt. C. K. T. Wheen (12) v. Major J. R. Mckintosh Walker (10) and Comdr. F. W. Crowther (20).
1 Miss Margery Eynon (36) and Paymr. Lt. Comdr. R. M. P. Skinner (11) v. Miss Joan Burton (36) and Capt. C. E. Poole (10).
1.04 Comdr. W. J. C. Phrophet (24) and Capt. D. F. Orme (24) v. R. D. Maclagan (12) and Rev. F. W. Weaver (24).
1.08 J. M. Marshall (24) and I. A. Maclagan (24) v. Lt. Comdr. H. W. Robertson-Aikman (18) and C. M. Grigg (14).
1.12 Capt. D. Levis (24) and Lt. Comdr. G. R. Fuller (16) v. Lieut. A. C. Hill (24) and Major J. S. Eynon (18).

Shanghai Scottish Rifle Meeting

Challenge Cup Won by Pte. Buchanan

The Shanghai Scottish S.V.C. spent last week-end in camp. There was an excellent turn-out and the Company was exercised in all phases of the current training programme.

The Rifle Meeting in abbreviated form was fired in conjunction with the Trained Men's Course. Visibility was good and some excellent results were obtained. Pte. T. F. Buchanan won the Challenge Cup, closely followed by Pte. D. P. L. Stirling with the Silver Cross, and the Bronze Cross was won by L./Cpl. R. C. Veir.

The following is the prize list:—

LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS

Scores at Ranges:	200	300	Total score:	Plus H'cap.	Gross score:	Class:
"INGLIS" CUP						
Pte. R. T. Abery	14	32	46	18	64	C.
Pte. D. P. L. Stirling	17	29	46	12	58	B.
"CAPTAINS" PRIZE						
L/Sgt. W. J. Richmond	12	12	24	6	30	B.
Pte. D. P. L. Stirling	12	12	24	6	30	B. (counted out).
"SUBALTERNS" PRIZE						
Pte. F. B. Elliott	18	16	33	7	40	B.
Pte. J. S. Smith	18	15	33	4	37	A.
N.C.O.'s & W. T. C'TEES. PRIZE						
Pte. N. W. H. Gray	25	12	37	13	50	C.
Pte. R. D. K. Silby	25	19	44	5	49	A.

GRAND AGGREGATE

	Total Score:	Class:
Pte. T. F. Buchanan (Challenge Cup)	143	A1.
Pte. D. P. L. Stirling (Silver Cross)	140	B.
L/Cpl. R. C. Veir (Bronze Cross)	131	A1.

CLASS AGGREGATES

"A" Class—Pte. J. S. Smith	129	A.
"B" Class—Pte. F. B. Elliott	128	B.
"C" Class—Pte. R. T. Abery	113	C.

BRONZE TROPHY.—No. 2 Platoon.

BULLS EYE PRIZE.—Pte. D. P. L. Stirling.

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Saints Climbing in Football League

Lido, Seaforths Retain Grasp of Top Positions Of First Division

St. Francis Xavier have made a good climb in the local football league ladder by taking the measure of the Police eleven by 4-1. The Saints at present have fourth place and still stand a good chance of threatening the prospective champions in view of the fact that they have yet to meet Lido and Seaforths.

The Reserve Division has developed into a fight between Lido and Surreys. The Seaforths were held to a tie of one goal each by the Police and are almost out of the running.

Positions in the Second and Third Division remain practically unchanged. The J.R.C., Rowing Club and Area Details hold a three-way tie in the Second while Maccabi and Three Cultures run neck and neck in the Third Division.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	GF.	GA.	Pts.
Lido	5	5	0	0	19	8	10
Seaforths	6	5	0	1	24	10	10
Surreys	6	3	2	1	26	21	8
S.F.X.	5	3	0	2	20	11	6
Tung Hwa	6	3	0	3	16	19	6
S.R.C.	5	2	1	2	14	17	5
A.S.F.	5	2	0	3	16	15	4
P.T.H.	5	1	1	3	9	20	3
Lusitano	5	1	0	4	12	20	2
Police	6	0	0	6	11	26	0

RESERVE DIVISION

Lido	5	5	0	0	24	4	10
Surreys	5	4	1	0	18	6	9
Seaforths	5	2	3	0	13	6	7
Lusitano	5	2	1	2	13	11	5
Tung Hwa	5	2	1	2	7	11	5
Police	5	1	2	2	8	17	4
S.R.C.	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
S.F.X.	5	1	1	3	6	12	3
A.S.F.	4	0	1	3	6	11	1
P.T.H.	5	0	1	4	4	19	1

SECOND DIVISION

J.R.C.	3	3	0	0	19	2	6
Rowing Club	2	2	0	0	20	1	4
Area Details	2	0	0	0	16	5	4
French Forces	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Parks United	3	2	0	1	14	7	4
Sokol	3	2	0	1	10	6	4
Russian Regt.	3	1	0	2	5	16	2
U. T. Party	3	0	0	3	7	17	0
Ching Hwa	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
J.A.C.	2	0	0	2	0	35	0

THIRD DIVISION

Maccabi	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Three Cultures	6	4	1	0	16	7	9
Russian Club	5	3	2	0	12	8	8
Old Westonians	5	3	0	2	13	12	6
Judeans	5	3	0	2	12	10	6
Aurora	4	2	1	1	15	8	5
Betar	5	1	2	2	10	11	4
Oarsmen	5	2	0	3	8	16	4
Xaverians	4	1	1	2	9	11	3
Tung Wen	4	1	1	2	5	12	3
Hotspurs	5	0	1	4	3	12	1
R.A.M.C.	5	0	0	5	8	20	0

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Armstrong, Hostak Gain Knockouts

"Hurricane Henry" Scores T.K.O. Over Garrison and Hostak Stops Seelig

Cleveland, Dec. 12.

Al Hostak, who is world middleweight champion in the eyes of the National Boxing Association, retained his title by knocking Eric Seelig out in the first round, while Henry Armstrong, negro world welterweight titleholder, continued to reign as champion by scoring a technical knockout over Jimmy Garrison in the seventh round last night.

Thirteen thousand saw Armstrong finish Garrison off with a barrage of hooks which led Referee Benny Leonard to halt the fight.

Armstrong started the seventh round with a vicious attack, flooring the weak, bruised and bleeding Garrison with a terrible left hook to the chin.

Garrison crashed to the canvas rising weakly on the count of nine only to be downed again helplessly as Armstrong unleashed a terrible barrage of short blows.

Referee Leonard stepped in and stopped the fight after the seventh round had proceeded for 79 seconds. Armstrong weighed 138¾ pounds and Garrison 141.

Easy for Hostak

Hostak did not even work up any perspiration in flattening Seelig, German-Jewish middleweight and brother of Heinrich Seelig, well-known to Shanghai fight fans as the manager of the late Andre Shelaeff, Oriental welterweight champion who died exactly a year ago in San Francisco after a bout with George Salvadore.

Hostak left little doubt regarding his punching prowess when he put away Seelig in the first round. He downed Seelig with a right cross for a count of nine and then completed the job by landing a right uppercut. Hostak weighed 159 and Seelig 160 pounds.

Hostak's quick victory was the first mine laid by Manager Eddie Marino in his campaign to have a title bout with Ceferino Garcia, who is recognized as world champion by the New York Boxing Commission, and thus settle the dispute as to who is the actual champion.

Marino's close friend, Nate Druxman, Seattle promoter, hopes to entice Garcia to Seattle for a bout with Hostak. If he fails, Hostak would like to challenge Billy Conn, world light-heavyweight champion, in Seattle.

Since Conn is under contract to Mike Jacobs, Hostak, in return for Conn's Seattle service, would be willing to meet Garcia in New York under Jacobs' promotion to settle the 160-pound title dispute.

Meanwhile, Hostak will probably defend his portion of the middleweight crown against Tony Zale in the Chicago Stadium in January. Armstrong may also defend his title against Davey Day of Chicago.—United Press.

Complete Results of Hungjao Tourney

The results of all matches in the Hungjao Golf Club Championship this year were as follows.

FIRST ROUND

H. Barton beat G. H. Mann 4 and 3; H. Martin Little beat K. E. Newman 6 and 5; N. E. Kent beat H. F. B. Gardener 19th; A. V. Pettitt beat W. D. Ward-Smith 3 and 1; G. D. Nicholl beat A. Ricketts 1 up; J. F. Maclennan beat J. A. B. Barton 4 and 2; T. W. Gubb beat H. R. Cleland 2 and 1; C. O. Cumming beat E. A. P. Wood 6 and 5; K. M. Cumming beat E. G. Smith-Wright 5 and 4; L. L. Farnsworth beat J. N. Bates W. O.

SECOND ROUND

W. J. Hawkings beat T. R. Chassels 18th; D. R. Glass beat H. J. M. Cook 3 and 1; H. Barton beat H. Martin Little 2 up; A. V. Pettitt beat N. E. Kent 3 and 1; J. F. Maclennan beat G. D. Nicholl 3 and 2; C. O. Cumming beat T. W. Gubb 2 and 1; L. L. Farnsworth beat K. M. Cumming 1 up; T. S. M. Terrace beat R. D. K. Silby 7 and 6.

THIRD ROUND

D. R. Glass beat W. J. Hawkings 5 and 3; H. Barton beat A. V. Pettitt 2 up; C. O. Cumming beat J. S. Maclennan 2 up; T. S. M. Terrace beat L. L. Farnsworth 6 and 4.

SEMI-FINAL

H. Barton beat D. R. Glass 5 and 4; C. O. Cumming beat T. S. M. Terrace 19th.

FINAL

(36 Holes)

H. Barton beat C. O. Cumming 2 and 1.

Soviet Demands on Finland Revealed

Finnish White Paper Gives Details for First Time

Stockholm, Dec. 12.

A Finnish White Paper, published today, reveals for the first time the full Soviet demands and the Finnish counter-proposals. The White Paper consists of 13 documents.

The Soviet demands included a 30 year lease of Hango for the creation of a naval base, whose guns, with those of the leased Esthonian port of Baldiski, could close the Gulf of Finland.

The Soviet demanded the right to station certain troops there and also demanded the cession of Hogland and other islands and territory in the Karelian Isthmus in return for which Russia would cede territory twice as large to Finland.

Other terms were the strengthening of the non-aggression pact between Finland and Russia, with neither Power to join alliances hostile to the other; mutual demolition of fortifications on the Aaland Islands provided no other Power collaborates.

Finland, while ready to agree to most of the demands, declared she could not comply to the grant of a naval base at Hango.

Russia insisted she regarded Hango as the minimum for the defence of Leningrad but was willing to reduce the number of troops she proposed to station there.

Finland declared she was determined to maintain her integrity and said, inter alia, that the territory Russia proposed to cede was of unequal value to the territory demanded. She emphasised that Finland was unwilling to grant a foreign state military bases on Finnish territory.

M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, replied that the argument was untenable.—Reuter.

Republicans Plan Attack On President

Washington, Dec. 12.

Republicans prepared today for a major assault in the next session of Congress and in the 1940 Presidential campaign on President Roosevelt's reciprocal trade treaty programme.

The House Minority Leader, Mr. Joseph W. Martin, Republican of Massachusetts, announced appointment last night of a special committee of Republican Congressmen to study the effects of the programme on American farmers, industry and labour.

The Senate Minority Leader, Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican of Oregon, continued his attack on the programme by demanding that the Administration scrap its trade programme and cancel all treaties negotiated under it.—United Press.

London Police Search For Poison Capsules

London, Dec. 12.

Police of three counties today intensified their search for a metal container filled with 16,000 strychnine-arsenic capsules, each of which is capable of killing a child. The highly poisonous capsules, part of a lorry load enroute to Manchester wholesale chemists from Liverpool, disappeared from the lorry this morning. Police fear that children, finding the container, might sample the dark brown gelatine tablets, thinking them to be candy.—United Press.

Henry Cotton Marries

London, Dec. 12.

Henry Cotton, outstanding British golfer, was today married to Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss of Argentina at the Caxton Hall registry office.—United Press.

"Little" Dado Gets Title

Washington, Dec. 12.

The National Boxing Association has recognized "Little" Dado of the Philippine Islands as the world fly-weight champion. This title has been empty since Peter Kane of Great Britain relinquished it owing to weight difficulty.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Waiting for the N.C.D.N. Bulletin

As many as 70 coolies and messengers wait at the "North-China Daily News" printing department counter for the daily bulletin, of which 210,000 copies have been distributed since it was started. Here is a typical scene.

Guarantees Wanted By United States

Japanese Promise to Pay Compensation for Damages In China Not Enough

Washington, Dec. 12.

Diplomatic observers here predicted today that the third interview between Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, would be held within a short time.

This was based on the belief in diplomatic circles that the State Department had sent instructions to Mr. Grew.

A good start towards negotiations for the adjustment of relations was believed here to have been made at the December 4 conference between Admiral Nomura and Mr. Grew. This coupled with the trend of public opinion moving in favour of a satisfactory conclusion of negotiations, was thought to have made an impression on the State Department.

While not doubting the sincerity of Japan in desiring an adjustment of relations, the State Department was believed to be emphasizing that guarantees for the protection of American rights and interests in China be given.

Guarantees Necessary

According to diplomatic observers, the United States appeared to be apprehensive over the lack of full Japanese pledges on such guarantees. The State Department was understood to have obtained the impression that at the last conference between Mr. Grew and Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Government expressed the desire to pay for damages caused in China. However, it was stated, the United States desired a discussion of future guarantees as well as the settlement of damages already suffered, it was stated.

It was believed here that currency and the Yangtze questions had not been discussed by Mr. Grew and Admiral Nomura.—Domei.

Italy Ready to Defend Status of Balkans

Berne, Dec. 12.

Italy would intervene at once should the Soviet threat against the Balkan states materialize, the Rome correspondent of the "Bund" reported today. Italy would not ask the Balkan states if they wanted her help or not but would solely concern herself with remaining faithful to her "European mission", as political quarters in Rome term it. "Italy is ready to act should the conflict extend to her sphere of influence," the correspondent concluded.—Havas.

Clipper Returns Without Touching Hongkong

Manila, Dec. 12.

California Clipper turned back today without prodeeding to Hongkong and took off for San Francisco where it is to land December 16, local time. The China Clipper is expected here December 17 and is to continue to Hongkong the next day and return here December 19, hopping off for San Francisco December 21. Airmail will close December 20, and the China Clipper is expected to arrive in San Francisco December 26 if there is no delay because of weather conditions.—United Press.

Train Hits Bus; Nineteen Killed

Berne, Dec. 12.

A collision between a bus and a passenger train near Voecklabruck was reported today by D.N.B., the official German news agency. The driver and twelve of the 38 workmen in the bus were killed instantly, six others later died from their injuries, while many others are stated to be seriously hurt.—Havas.

Japanese Army to Oppose Cabinet

Dissatisfaction Expressed Over China Policy; War Minister to See Premier

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Adding to the Government's troubles, the army, which has hitherto positively supported the Abe Cabinet in connection with the settlement of the China Incident and internal policies, is now becoming concerned and dissatisfied with the Cabinet's evasive attitude regarding the establishment of a Trade Ministry and also the abolition of an ordinance guaranteeing the status of civil officials.

According to the "Miyako Shimbun," independent daily, the army fears the Cabinet is showing "increasing lack of ability" to settle various vital domestic issues and the China Incident and regulate complex issues with third Powers.

Therefore, the "Miyako" forecasts, the War Minister, General Shunroku Hata, is likely to make "strong representations to the Cabinet."

General Hata is expected to urge the adoption of a more positive attitude in pursuit of the policies to which the Cabinet is committed, the paper adds.—Reuter.

William Hall, Walter Sande and William Forrest, are the latest additions to the prominent cast Columbia is now assembling to support Joan their new starring comedy, "The Incredible Mr. Williams," which is now in production.

Air Raid Shelter For Tokyo

Huge Construction Planned In Japanese Capital; Will Supplement Other Efforts

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

A huge bomb proof air raid shelter, Japan's first, will be built in Tokyo next year, the "Asahi Shimbun" chain of newspapers said today.

The shelter will accommodate 5,000 persons, and will be constructed beneath the Tokyo station so that it can be used in peace time to connect the exit and entrance of the station. The subterranean passage will be 150 metres long and 20 metres wide.

This will be one of the enterprises undertaken to mark the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire which will be celebrated next year.

Air raid shelters will also be constructed in other places in Tokyo, and in Osaka and Kure, which are regarded as the three most important cities in Japan from the standpoint of national defence, the newspapers declared. The shelters would be used by pedestrians caught out in the streets during air raids.

Plans for the shelters were being made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, it was stated. This programme, the newspapers said, was separate from the shelter programme announced previously, by which subsidies would be granted to firms constructing air raid shelters in the basements of large buildings in principal cities of Japan.—Domei.

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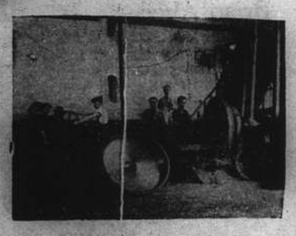
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DEATH

SWEMMELAAR.—On December 12, 1939, at the Paulun Hospital, Shanghai, LOUIS SWEMMELAAR, aged 54 years, beloved husband of Leonie I. Swemmelaar and brother of Adolf Swemmelaar. The funeral will take place at Lokawei Cemetery today, Wednesday, December 13, at 2 p.m. All friends are invited to attend. 12887

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LATEST PEACE-FEELERS

The report from Geneva to the effect that Herr Hitler may take the opportunity of the meeting of the League Assembly to launch another peace offensive is interesting if true, and the presence of a large number of German journalists at Geneva suggests that either something of the sort will be put forward shortly, or that a propaganda campaign is being set afoot amongst the delegations to the Assembly for the purpose of endeavouring to better the German case. That they will have a difficult task may be readily understood, for not all the sweet words in the world will do much to remove the blot which smirches the escutcheon of the Reich. There is nothing strange in these peace manœuvres. They follow closely along lines made familiar during the last war, and it may be expected that from time to time feelers will be put out in the hope that this present war can be brought to an end, without too much damage to Herr Hitler and his government. The reported terms are vastly different from the general peace offer which Herr Hitler put forward shortly after the commencement of the war; they are so great a departure that if they are indeed advanced in the suggested form they will amount to a confession of failure, and for that reason they need to be accepted with a certain amount of reserve. It is stated that Herr Hitler will offer the Allies the following terms:—

1. Reconstruction of Czechoslovakia without the Sudetenland.
2. Restoration of Poland in centres occupied only by Poles, with the Reich to keep Danzig and the Polish corridor.
3. White Ruthenia and Galicia to be buffer states.
4. A plebiscite in Austria under international control.
5. The Allies to be invited to join Herr Hitler in a pact of mutual assistance in restoring peace in Europe.

The reconstruction of Czechoslovakia without the Sudetenland amounts to a partial restitution which at first blush would seem attractive, but on examination it amounts to no more than the liberation of the portion of Bohemia left after the seizure of Sudetenland, and does not amount to a restoration of those other parts which went to make up Czechoslovakia prior to Herr Hitler's descent upon it.

The reported offer to restore Poland in centres occupied only by Poles, with the Reich to keep Danzig and the corridor is very little better; it is merely an offer to get rid of people who are even now proving an embarrassment to Herr Hitler, under the mask of self-determination, leaving the Poles a certain amount of independence but subjected at all times to the economic pressure which Germany could exert over them so long as they are denied an access to the sea. It cannot be believed that Herr Hitler would propose that Russia should also disgorge any portion of her spoils along similar lines, and, if present occurrences are any sign of what M. Stalin would be likely to do in response to any such invitation, it would in all probability be most emphatically declined. The Soviet ruler is most unlikely to relinquish anything which proved a step in the world-wide spread of the doctrines of the Third Internationale. There is not much to be said about the offer of a plebiscite in Austria under international control, for it is only reasonable to doubt that the terror which has been employed in Austria would be just as effective in the event of a plebiscite unless the whole of the German forces maintained for the purpose of keeping Austria in subjection were removed from the country, and the people permitted to vote freely. Summed up briefly the whole of the reported suggested concessions amounts to an offer to surrender the more uncomfortable portions of the Reich's gains leaving it with the greater part of the spoils. It is just as unsatisfactory, and equally ridiculous as the idea of a burglar about to be handed over to the police seeking to secure his freedom by offering to return a portion of the "swag." And, lastly there is the delightfully ironical suggestion that the Allies would be invited to join Herr Hitler in a pact of mutual assistance restoring the peace of Europe. What earthly good a pact in which Herr Hitler was one of the parties would be it is difficult, in the light of all that has happened, to see. With the repeated exhibitions of bad faith, chicanery and perfidy with which he has amazed the world before the eyes of European statesmen, it would be the most criminal folly to enter into any such arrangement with a man to whom the idea of betrayal is a common weapon of international comity.

It may be said straight away that the main peace term of the Allies must be the destruction of the evil system which Herr Hitler has set up, and the liberation of Europe from the menace which he has held over it these last few years. There can be no talk of peace until there is established in Germany a Government which accepts the canons of common international decency, whose pledges will be kept and which has about it that conception of honour of which Herr Hitler is singularly bereft. The suggested terms might be acceptable if the Allies had any fear of failing. Acceptance would at least save something out of the wreck and provide a breathing space in which to prepare against further aggression, but there is no fear of failing, and those croakers like Mr. Lloyd George who urged the earnest consideration of Herr Hitler's first peace offer, may best be answered in the words of Admiral Hawkins, who reproached those who feared the apparently overwhelming might of the Spanish Armada:—

> Fail? Fail? What murrain do you here talk of failing? Who made you a prophet, you scurvy, hang-in-the-wind, croaking, white-livered son of a corly-crow? Here's a fellow calls himself captain of a ship, and her Majesty's servant, and talks about failing, as if he were a Barbican loose-kirtle trying to keep her apple-squire ashore.

If such peace offers are indeed put forward, they will undoubtedly be carefully studied, as all Herr Hitler's suggestions have always been but that such terms could possibly be accepted at such a juncture cannot be believed, for there has been no Allied failure and none feared. The righting of the wrongs of sadly-aggrieved people must necessarily be one of the main war aims of the Allies, but unless Herr Hitler is forced to go with all his tribe of malefactors, there can be no prospect of a permanent peace in Europe, and that, it must always be borne in mind, is what the Allies are fighting for.

The Rice Situation

Beyond a certain calming influence suggestive to the Chinese community that the authorities of the Shanghai's two foreign areas are sympathetically approaching the question of the high price of rice, little effect seems to have been achieved by the recent proclamation of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the French Concession Council. No cases of profiteering have been reported and, accordingly, the threatened measures of expulsion and confiscation of rice have not been applied. The difficulty is, of course, that not much purpose would be served by any individual citizen denouncing an individual rice merchant because the principal problem at present, judging by the high prices and the purported shortage of supplies, is the ability to purchase rice. While dealers in this necessary commodity, so greatly and overwhelmingly associated with Chinese living conditions that any single commodity to be named in connection with living conditions of any other people, are able to exercise such a control over the market the Chinese community is simply at the mercy of a powerful group. Other factors have been quoted as a source of aggravation, including interference with supplies outside the foreign areas, but this by no means offers a complete explanation of the plight into which the Chinese population of Shanghai has been thrust. On the other hand, in Tientsin, the French Concession authorities, who have undertaken a control of prices of all essential commodities, are able to announce as an ameliating factor since the control was introduced that a normal supply of coal is expected this week, and a study of prices will result in a definite tariff being introduced next week. It is stated that French law empowers the police to prevent illicit speculation and in Tientsin there may eventuate the anomoly that prices in the French and British Concessions may differ owing to limited supplies but French legislative action will result in cheaper rates in the French Concession. In the British Concession, normal competitive prices may not apply owing to shortage of supplies. The necessity for the extension of some form of control to Shanghai is daily gaining emphasis in application not only to rice but to other commodities at present experiencing inflated prices beyond all comprehension.

Polish Submarine Gallantry

The picturesque story of the Polish submarine which escaped from the Baltic and is now incorporated in the British navy is a story of duplicity on the one hand, extraordinary bravery and endurance on the other. The actions of the Esthonian authorities in first delaying the submarine for twenty-four hours, and then endeavouring to hold it because it had exceeded the time in port allowed by international law is decidedly open to criticism, and the commander of the Orzel seems to have been perfectly justified in making his escape at the earliest opportunity. That this was effected under the most dramatic conditions is evidenced from the report to hand. Once they set their course for England the crew of the submarine were running risks of attack not only from German craft, but from Allied as well. They took the risks, ill-equipped as they were and were fortunate enough to get a faint message through to a British wireless station as a result of which the submarine was met and escorted to a British port, where they had but three requests, to be allowed to land their sick cook, to replenish their water supplies and to be given breech-blocks for their guns, after which they were quite prepared to go to sea on any patrol on which it pleased the British authorities to employ them. As a result of this act of gallantry at least one Polish destroyer, and a submarine are taking their places in the Allied naval forces, and they together with the Polish legion which is being formed emphasize the existence of the Poles as an independent nation willing to do its utmost to contribute to the Allied victory. In terms of the enormous forces employed in this war their contribution may not appear unduly impressive, but the fact that Poland is still fighting Germany implies the continuance of the existence of the nation and is an augury that when a final settlement is reached Poland will again come to her own. That is the very least which the Allies owe her.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Dec. 12.—When we were very young, and played "counting-out" games, we used a ridiculous rhyme which began which, *"Eena, meena, mina, mo....*and finished up with, *"twiddleum-twaddleum twenty-one."* There were many variations of it and I could never make it into sense until I came across an article in a recent country magazine. Now I am convinced that this was a childish travesty of the old "Shepherd's count" and that it was only the perversity of the rhymster which made it finish up with *twenty-one* instead of twenty....because all the old English counting was done in twenties or "scores." The main point to be remembered about such counting is that our shepherds were entirely illiterate until recent years: they knew their ten fingers, but they knew nothing of figuring or writing in the modern sense: hence, they created a "count" of their own, and although this differs slightly in all the sheep-rearing districts, it is sufficiently alike to be recognized by all shepherds. It is finger-counting of the purest kind, and can be described as follows: (1) is always *Un*, jan, aen, yin, aina, *eena*, or the like: (5) is a short word such as *pimp* or *mimp*: (10) is *dix*, *dik* or *dig*: coming back to the recount of the first hand, (15) is usually *boon* or *bumfit;* and the count ends with a word akin to *giggy* or *gigot*....which is, of course the fore-quarter of a sheep and therefore means (20.). To take a typical count from the Lake district, it goes like this: "Aina, peina, para, peddera, *pimp* (5); ithy, mithy, owera, lowera, *dig* (10): (now we start again on the first hand): ain-a-dig, pein-a-dig....*etc.* until we come to (15) *Bumfit*: now we come to the second count of the second hand, which goes, aina-bumfit, peina-bumfit, *etc.* until it finishes up triumphantly with *Giggy* (20). An illiterate shepherd could thus count twenty scores—or 400: but if you want to know what he did above that number you must "ask daddy"—the problem is beyond me.

IN PARENTHESIS

She Knew

A CERTAIN lady recently received three small Cockney evacuees in her West Country home. She asked one mite (aged five) if she knew any hymns, and received the delightful reply: "Oh, yes: 'Leanin' against the lamp-pawst' "!

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All Alone

AN ostrich went out for a stroll in a desert and thought he'd call at his favourite oasis in the hope of running across a few of his pals.

When he got there he found six other ostriches standing with their heads buried in the sand.

"Just my luck!" he said. "Not a soul about."

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Napkin Also

"PLEASE, madam," said the maid, "there's a poor man outside who wants something to eat."

"All right, Mary," replied the mistress, "give him some potatoes and bread."

"But he seems to have seen better days."

"All right; give him a napkin, too."

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Signature Tune

THE little girl and her mother hurried into the church, fearing that they were going to be late.

The organist was still playing the voluntary as they passed into their pew.

"It's all right, Mummy," whispered the little girl, "it's only the signature tune."

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Improvement

"MUMMY," said the small child, "did God make you?"

"Of course He did, my dear," replied her mother.

"And did He make me, too?"

"Of course."

There was a short pause. Then: "I think His work is improving, don't you?"

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Plans

THE bus just managed to pull to a sudden stop, with a terrible screaming of brakes, in time to avoid a pedestrian who was dithering about all over the road.

The driver leaned out of his bus, crimson with anger, Controlling himself with a great effort, he asked politely:

"May I ask just what are your plans, sir?"

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Not His Fault

A CERTAIN magistrate, on the New York bench for many years, grows extremely peevish when the same customers are brought before him time after time. On a recent morning, for example, he looked down at a drunk and pounded his desk.

"I can't understand this," he roared. "Why are you always brought before me? Seven times you've been arrested—and seven times I've been forced to sentence you. Why must I be picked as a target? Does it have to be that way? Why must I always be burdened with you in my court?" The drunk grinned.

"No use bawlin' at me, judge," he hiccoughed. "Is it my fault you can't get promoted?"

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Howlers

SOME more schoolboy howlers, collected by Cecil Hunt: Hypocrisy is a disease that often affects people who talk too much.

The King's descent was marred by only one female.

Guy Fawkes would have been successful if he hadn't smelt a rat.

Blake improved conditions on the lower deck by instituting consolation prizes for widows.

A mongrel is a dog with no set plan.

Nowadays some women wear their hair like a man, or like a page-boy, but they are still ladies, for Cromwell wore his hair long and kept a man. It's really what you are used to.

We do not get equal nights and days here because the earth revolts regularly.

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Letter From a Fox

(to Nathaniel Gubbins of the "Sunday Express.")

DEAR Sir, It is a commonplace that farmers are always grumbling, frequently with reason but more often without, and we therefore take the liberty of drawing your attention to the latest example of unjustifiable complaint which appeared recently in one of the popular newspapers.

According to this journal farmers say that the blackout is making it difficult to deal with foxes that raid their poultry at night and that losses have increased since the war began.

A moment's reflection must convince any person of ordinary intelligence that the blackout can have very little to do with it.

In country districts where foxes live there has always been a blackout after sunset. So far as we can see there always will be one unless lamp-posts are erected in fields and meadows.

Farms in these remote parts are also badly lighted even in peace time, so we are at a loss to see what difference it can make if a few oil lamps are hidden behind thick curtains.

Although we cannot accept responsibility without proof, we would like to suggest that if more foxes than usual have fallen to temptation it is the result of boredom brought about by the war.

In ordinary times we would be having a marvellous time running for our lives from dawn till dusk. As it is, many of the hunting men are serving in the forces and many of those dreadful hunting women are chasing female Territorials about and leaving us alone.

Moreover, income tax being what it is, most of those who remain can't afford to hunt anything but rats.

The result is that we get very little exercise and can't sleep at night.

Although a blackout is bearable when (if you will forgive the cliché) you are in the arms of Morpheus, sitting up in a dark hole all night is intolerable.

Therefore if a few bored foxes have gone out in search of a little excitement we think it is excusable, though, as we have already pointed out, we do not admit the charge and reserve our defence.

We think it is much more likely to be an excuse for raising the price of chickens.

I remain, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully

A Fox.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

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Same date, 1938	Min.	48.6	Max.	57.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 11th:—Strong anticyclone with fine weather and regular winter monsoon in China. Some showers at Sea.

State on the morning of the 12th:—High pressures over China and southern Japan. Low pressures over the Kouriles.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with moderate variable winds over northern China and the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy and northerly to easterly breezes in the Yangtze Valley and over regions. Overcast and normal winter monsoon over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Russian Land Operations Becoming Ever More Difficult Owing to Intense Cold and Snow; Mass Attacks Mowed Down by Machine-guns

Viipuri, Dec. 12.

ACCORDING to reports received here, planes of the Finnish Air Force have destroyed the Soviet air-base at Murmansk. It was pointed out here that the Soviet progress on the Karelian Isthmus is becoming increasingly difficult owing to heavy snowfalls and the fact that the retreating Finns destroyed all buildings and shelters. The Finns declare that the weakness of Russian tactics is evidenced by the fact that the Red troops often attack in close formation, making it easy for the Finns to decimate them with machine-guns. Many tanks have been destroyed, it was declared, by the white-clad Finns who, hiding behind trees, throw flaming petrol on them from short distances.—Havas.

Helsinki, Dec. 12.

Reuter's special correspondent learns the Finns have had only reserve troops in action against the Russians so far, while the country's best regiments are being held behind the lines ready to be sent wherever the defence weakens. Although hampered by a certain lack of ammunition, the Finns have enough to repel attacks, but cannot engage in long-range shelling duels with the Russians. They must wait until they are sure of hitting their objects.

An officer just returned from the Karelian front said: "The Russians advance in masses straight towards Finnish machine-guns and artillery, with the result they are slaughtered in thousands. If they attempt to turn back, they are mown down by their own machine-guns or tanks, which follow so closely that escape is impossible."

The officer said some prisoners from Central Asian tribes were quite ignorant as to what was happening, as they spoke and undestood very little Russian. Some of them believed they were merely on a route march. One prisoner said these tribesmen had been convinced they were still on Russian soil, fighting an invader.

Attacks at Taipale Repulsed

A Finnish communique says two Russian attacks yesterday on the Taipale River were repulsed and heavy losses inflicted, seven tanks being destroyed. Russian attempts to cross the Vuoksi water system are also reported to have failed. Severe fighting is occurring all along the eastern frontier. On the northern coast, above Lake Ladoga, the Russians advanced in one sector, but were repulsed in another, the communique states. Finnish troops advanced elsewhere and destroyed four enemy companies by a surprise attack, the statement adds. After heavy fighting Red Army forces occupied a village in Lapland near the Russian frontier.

The communique further reports that Finnish coastal batteries engaged Russian naval units in a fog. Judging by the explosions heard from the sea, the batteries scored some direct hits. Air activity along the eastern frontier is recorded, and Soviet planes are said to have bombed a lighthouse in the Gulf of Finland.—Reuter.

Danger in North

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.

"A Finnish northern division is now fighting a desperate battle to prevent one of the greatest human catastrophes in the history of the North," writes the Helsinki correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende."

"If the Russians succeed in breaking the Finnish defence line," he adds, "it will mean that 1,000,000 civilians will be chased out of the country to the frozen Gulf of Bothnia, because this will be the only escape from the war."—Reuter.

Finns Buying Gas-Masks

New York, Dec. 12.

Official circles in Washington today disclose that Finland is negotiating for the purchase of large quantities of gas-masks from the United States for civilians and troops not serving on the front lines, says the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

Finland is also said to have placed an experimental order of 1,000 masks to protect horses. The War Department, the correspondent adds, has no objection to selling gas-masks to the Finns. American manufacturers are understood to be able to supply the masks quickly.—Reuter.

Red Pilots Sell Own Planes

Stockholm, Dec. 11.

Fourteen Soviet planes were delivered to the Finnish military authorities by their Russian pilots since Finnish warplanes flew over Red Army positions and scattered "bomphlets" offering large sums of money for surrendered aircraft, the "Allehanda" reported today. The "Aftonbladet" declared that the Finns today recaptured the city of Suomosalvi, north of Lake Ladoga.—Havas.

Soviets Exert Pressure

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

Heavy Soviet pressure was brought to bear today on Peilisjaervi, located on the railway between Nirmes and Joensuu, and in the Kuolojaervi area as the Red Army sought to gain ground in its dragging offensive against hard-fighting Finnish troops. New large-scale attacks, Finnish quarters declared, are to be expected near Lake Ladoga now that it is partly frozen over and allows troop movements across it.

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Girl Patriot Shot In Nanking Road

Six Shootings Occur in Two Hours Sending Nine To Various Hospitals

Six shootings took place in the International Settlement and extreme western area between the hours of 6 and 8 yesterday evening, giving police and ambulance attendants a hectic two hours and detectives and doctors an equally busy evening attending to the necessary aftermath of investigation and treatment, respectively. Eight Chinese were in various hospitals in the Settlement and one was in Ste. Marie Hospital, French Concession, last night in more or less serious condition as a result of the attacks.

The most important case was an attempt of political gunmen to assassinate Miss Mao Li-yung, 28-year-old Chinese patriot well known in local club and educational circles. Miss Mao, who is head of the Shanghai Vocational Chinese Women's Lien Nyi Society, had just left the headquarters of the Society in Lane 120 Nanking Road, adjoining Hall & Holtz Man's Shop, at 7 p.m. with two other members when two Chinese approached and both opened fire on her. The shooting took place at the entrance to the Lane where the men had apparently been waiting for their victim. At least four shots were fired, and the hapless young woman sank to the pavement seriously wounded in the abdomen and left leg. Her companions escaped injury.

Black Car in Second Shooting

The gunmen ran round the corner into Szechuen Road and were last seen dashing north on Szechuen Road. One was dressed in Chinese clothes, the other in a foreign suit.

A large police party turned out to the scene from Central Station and threw a cordon about the place. Chief Insp. F. West, detectives and uniformed men made a thorough search but discovered only the empty cartridge cases left by the assassins. Ten minutes later, however, a large black sedan car, driving at high speed, was challenged by another police party as it was hurrying west in Avenue Road, near Hart Road. The vehicle failed to stop and its occupants started shooting at the police through the rear window. They managed to wound a Chinese pedestrian in the left leg. The police returned fire but the car got away and vanished in the direction of the badlands.

It was learned last night that Miss Mao, who was formerly active in National Salvation groups, had been warned, in an article in the Japanese-sponsored "Hsin Shun Pao," to moderate her pro-Chungking activities.

Three Men Shot

At 6.15 p.m. yesterday a Chinese traffic constable engaged an armed bandit after a robbery at 106 Pakhoi Road, near Avenue Edward VII. The robber opened fire, the constable responded and wounded him in the head and right hand. Two passers-by were shot, one of them seriously, in the cross fire.

At 6.30 p.m., in the course of a $12 robbery at a clothing shop in Hoopeh Road, a robber fired a shot wounding a shop assistant in the leg. It was the second robbery in the same block within an hour and a half.

In both instances an armed gang of three men committed the looting, and both gangs escaped.

Shortly after 6 o'clock a shooting took place in the badlands, in a lane off Brenan Road. Three members of the Chinese criminal element which infests the area engaged in a private shooting affair with the result that a Chinese woman who happened to be walking in the lane was seriously wounded. She was taken to St. George's and thence by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital.

"City" Policeman Shot

Finally, at 8 p.m., another shooting took place, likewise in the badlands. This time it was a member of the "Special Municipality" police who was careless with his rifle and who succeeded in putting a cartridge through his own leg. A Settlement Fire Brigade ambulance took the man to the Chinese Red Cross Hospital.

A violent death not by shooting was recorded last night when a Chinese watchman jumped to the street from the roof garden of the New Wing On Building, Hoopeh Road off Nanking Road. He died instantly and the case was described as a suicide as the man was known to have suffered from mental disease. No one was injured as the man hit the pavement.

Wire-Tapping Evidence Banned by Court

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Supreme Court Monday imposed an almost absolute ban against using in criminal cases evidence gained either directly or indirectly from wire tapping.

Acting in two cases, the Supreme Court ruled that evidence developed by clues obtained by tapping wires and evidence obtained by tapping telephone conversations taking place in interstate commerce cannot rightfully be admitted in the criminal courts. The high tribunal had already ruled that actual evidence obtained by interstate wire tapping may not be introduced as evidence at a trial.—United Press.

League Sends Urgent Appeal To Soviets

Moscow Invited to Stop Invasion and Consent to Parleys

Geneva, Dec. 11.

Decision to send a telegram to the Soviet Government inviting it to suspend military operations in Finland and answer, before Wednesday evening, whether it will agree to open peace parleys with Finland, was reached unanimously today by the League Committee which deals with the Finnish appeal.

The League telegram to Moscow requests the Kremlin to have a representative at Geneva on Wednesday. The telegram, it was pointed out, will not interfere with League deliberations on the Finnish problem and will not delay the Assembly's vote if, as is held probable here, the Kremlin refuses to give any explanations and rejects the peace offer.

The Assembly met this afternoon at 4.45 o'clock for the second time and decided to examine the Finnish appeal and also study the report of the Committee entrusted with the discharge of the League's economic duties.

This evening, the Assembly heard the Finnish delegate, M. Rudolf Holsti, who was welcomed with loud applause. He recalled the circumstances of the first Soviet attack against Finland on November 30, how Finland sent her appeal to the League and what Finland expects from the League today.

Appeal for Effective Aid

He pointed out that until recently, Soviet Russia was absolute in her condemnation of all aggression, and then went on to assert: "The whole Finnish people support their Government. Finland today requires not only sympathy, for which we are most grateful, but also effective help.

"The Finnish nation cannot resist alone against the Soviet armies. Finland is fighting for her existence and for the defence of the highest political ideals of other people, too." M. Holsti concluded with an appeal for material aid to his country.

The Assembly then appointed thirteen members to form a committee for close study and discussion of the Finnish appeal. Members of the Committee are the delegates of France, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Bolivia, Eire, Egypt, Portugal, Venezuela, Thailand, Sweden, Norway, Canada and India.

Immediately after the Assembly adjourned, this Committee met, at 6 p.m., to discuss the Swedish proposal for a final effort to save Finland from the horrors of continued war.—Havas.

Other Topics Excluded

Geneva, Dec. 12.

When the Assembly met again last night, M. C. J. Hambro, the Norwegian delegate, President of the meeting, announced that the members must hold themselves in readiness to meet at all hours of the day and night—obviously to take steps as soon as the Russian reply is received.

Earlier in the day the governments of Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Holland and Denmark, in a written communication to the President, had declared that as the assembly had been convoked for a definite political purpose, they should abstain from discussing any other political questions. This is believed to be intended as a safeguard against the introduction of any reference to Poland and German aggression generally.—Reuter.

Argentine Wants Soviets Expelled

Buenos Aires, Dec. 11.

Referring to Argentina's proposal for the expulsion of Russia from the League of Nations, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Cantilo, today declared that the presence of the U.S.S.R. in the League was incompatible with the Covenant which she had violated by rejecting all conciliatory methods.

Argentina was not moving away from the League or abandoning the principles of her traditional policy, said Dr. Cantilo, but if the League refused to expel the Soviet, then Argentina would be obliged to consider denouncing the Covenant and to await a more propitious moment for the rebirth of international law and morality.

"By defending Finland we are defending the League and ourselves," Dr. Cantilo concluded.—Reuter.

Sympathy for China's Case

London, Dec. 12.

Newspapers today call attention sympathetically to China's position at Geneva and her decision not to vote on the Soviet-Finnish question.

The "News-Chronicle" says: "Many States are forced by circumstances to look to their own interests rather than uphold principles. China certainly has no sympathy for aggressors, but dares not alienate Russia, whose continued help against Japan is vital to her. The fact that the League failed to expel Japan and Italy when they violated the Covenant does not necessarily mean such a course should not be followed now, inconsistent though it would be, but it would be quite improper to expel Russia because she is a Bolshevist State rather than because she is an aggressor.

"What the League can do," the "News-Chronicle" adds, "is to condemn Russian aggression in unmistakable terms, and urge all members to give help to Finland. The League

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French Reveal Amazing Work Done by Army for Fortifying Support Lines

Stupendous Energy of Millions Mobilized Men Set To Task of Reinforcing Main Defences and Forts

Paris, Dec. 11.

Astonishing figures and statistics on the stupendous amount of fortification and defence construction work accomplished by French troops since September 3 were released here today. They disclose that behind the heavy Maginot Line, France now has in addition successive lighter lines of gunbristling forts and blockhouses.

In the three months since the outbreak of war, French "poilus" have erected so many fields of barbed wire entanglements along the front that, if all were strung together in a barrage four metres wide, the line would stretch over 4,000 kilometres. Spadework on trenches and dugouts, if devoted to peacetime activities, would have sufficed for the excavation of a canal of normal depth and width and 200 kilometres long. Reinforced concrete used in the erection of blockhouses, casemates and shelters would be sufficient to construct a wall one metre high, one metre broad and 700 kilometres long.

The defence construction work completed by the millions of French soldiers mobilized three months ago is described here as the greatest task ever undertaken by any army.

In just three months, the French Army, statistics revealed, placed 16,500,000 square metres of barbed wire entanglements in position, dug out 4,500,000 cubic metres of earth and utilized 700,000 cubic metres of concrete.

All this amazing work is declared here to be but a fraction of the vast programme of defence construction and maintenance work to be accomplished by the Army.—Havas.

Where Finns Are Holding Back Russian Invaders

Southern Karelia, the borderland between Finland and Soviet Russia, where the Finns are holding back the Russians. Upper picture shows a soldier manning a machine gun on his camouflaged tank, and, below, Finnish artillerymen bringing their guns into position.

King Sends Message to Lord Gort on Visit to French Front

"Be Vigilant, Be Cool and Fire Low," Declares Order of Day as Tommies Enter Maginot Sector

London, Dec. 12.

THE King has sent a message to Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Field Forces, expressing the pleasure he derived from his visit to British troops in France. "The days I have been able to spend among them has been full of interest" the King's message says, "for I have had the opportunity of seeing something of the conditions in which they are living and the work on which they are engaged.

"I am satisfied that the British soldier of today is at least equal to his predecessor, both in efficiency and spirit. I send my best wishes to all ranks of the British Expeditionary Force and assure them of the complete and unfailing confidence placed in them by their countrymen."

British Turn Back German Attack

Heavy Casualties Result From Allied Fire; "Bad Business for the Enemy"

With the B.E.F. in France, Dec. 12.

British patrols, it was revealed today, have already engaged in "Red Indian" warfare under the cover of darkness along no man's land.

Thus far the British have suffered no losses. The only loss that has been inflicted by the enemy was on an Alsatian dog.

The no man's land on which the fighting took place included deserted hamlets, scattered farm buildings, woods and a stretch of open country which neither side holds strongly and on which patrols may meet each other at any time.

Open Country

Both sides are making efforts to capture prisoners in this area. The open country allows freedom of movement. Consequently, the warfare is taking on a characteristic hardly known in the last war and in which skill and daring play a considerable part.

Behind these activities there is still the main line of defence from which the artillery operates and exchanges barrages with the enemy.

During the daylight hours, the British can easiy distinguish the enemy emplacements, but little firing has taken place.

The first shots with deadly effect were fired by the British artillery on the western front when a patrol of Germans stumbled across a British post in a wood. The British were strengthening newly-occupied positions. They heard the approaching petrol and immediately telephoned the artillery batteries. The artillery opened up a barrage and the Germans disappeared, but only after suffering many wounded, it was understood.—United Press.

Paris Pleased

Paris, Dec. 12.

The news that British troops are now occupying a sector of the Maginot Line is hailed with great satisfaction by the newspapers here this morning.—Reuter.

Patrol Activity

Paris, Dec. 12.

"There was patrol activity during the night at several points of the Western Front," says an official communique issued here today.—Reuter.

Gamelin's Order of The Day

France, Dec. 12.

General Maurice Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, today sent General Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Field Forces, a copy of an Order of the Day issued recently to the French Army.

The Order, which was addressed to the soldiers of France, declared that the "Germans have increased their preparations for an offensive, but have not, until now, dared to launch it."—Reuter.

Fishermen on the south-east coast have reported that they saw a German aeroplane break through the clouds yesterday morning. The plane, they say, flew over a nearby town, then turned to the south-east and flew across the channel.

An unidentified aircraft was detected flying at a great height over the Yorkshire coast yesterday. R.A.F. fighters took off to make contact, but the plane, believed to have been a Heinkel, retreated out to sea.—Reuter.

"Be Vigilant, Cool and Fire Low"

Paris, Dec. 11.

Stirring words of command were addressed today to the British Tommies who marched into positions in the Maginot Line to fight shoulder to shoulder with their French allies. The patriotic appeal was contained in an Order of the Day issued by their commander, who urged them to "be vigilant, be cool and fire low."

Complimenting the men on the honour they have won of being the vanguard of the British Expeditionary Force outside the British zone to come into contact with the enemy, the Order of the Day declared:—

"You have been chosen to go into action as the vanguard of the British Army. We shall be in closest touch with our allies, who have extended to us the warmest of welcomes. Unless everyone had done his duty since his arrival in France, this unique honour would not have been conferred upon you. The enemy awaits our arrival with expectancy. You have now the chance to maintain and enhance the glorious traditions enscribed on your colours. Be vigilant, be cool and fire low. To the last man, to the last round, and a bit more.

"Not only are the eyes of your country upon you, but also those of your allies and the whole Empire. With justice on our side," the British commander concluded, "our proud watchwords will be, 'They shall not pass,' and 'We shall win'."—Havas.

Croix de Guerre for Briton

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

With R.A.F., Dec. 12.

The exploit for which Sergeant-Pilot Phillips, attached to a fighter squadron, was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by Général Marie Gustave Gamelin, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in France, during the King's visit to the Maginot Line, was risking his own life to prevent a burning aircraft falling in the middle of a French village. The machine was damaged by anti-aircraft fire and the petrol tank pierced. Phillips was almost suffocated by petrol and oil fumes and was preparing to make a parachute jump, when he realized the machine would fall into the middle of a village. He delayed his jump from the burning machine until he was sure it would fall into the open country, though the delay meant great risk that his parachute would not open in time. Phillips finally landed safely.—Reuter.

Rain Hampers Fighting

Paris, Dec. 12.

Rain and poor visibility greatly reduced activity on the Western

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"N.C.D.N." Bulletin Achieving Record

210,000 Copies Circulated In Shanghai Since Start Of Hostilities

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, there will be enacted at the printing office of the "North-China Daily News," a scene which, since the outbreak of hostilities, has become of daily familiarity.

Scores of coolies and messengers from all over Shanghai, from embassies, banks, business houses, shipping offices, clubs, schools, hospitals and hotels, will gather in an atmosphere of expectancy and haste putting to test the patience of the Chinese distribution staff. Then, in a twinkling of an eye, they will be off the premises and the "North-China Daily News" daily bulletin will be circulated throughout the length and breadth of Shanghai with its 89th issue since the commencement of the war.

Readers will probably be interested in some facts regarding this bulletin, which has proved to be one of the most popular journalistic features in Shanghai. It was conceived actually before the hostilities in that tremendous press of events from which the war emerged. With the fate of Europe in the balance, and a great war impending, news-hungry Shanghai demanded much more news than existing press and radio facilities provided. In addition to doubling its radio news service, the "North-China Daily News" embarked on a daily noon-day bulletin, and from the initial printing order of a few hundreds, the demand has now increased to approximately 3,000 a day. Since the first issue more than 210,000 copies of the bulletin have been distributed—a publishing and printing feat of no mean proportions.

Now a Community Habit

Giving a summary of the principal events in the world, this bulletin is no longer a novelty to be picked up casually and destroyed: it has become a habit of the community. A newspaper's function does not cease with the pushing of the paper under the door every morning. It encompasses a more timely provision of news as the world situation warrants and public interest demands. As such, this bulletin is the only war-time emergency publication which has survived.

A tribute to its popularity is the daily scene at the printing office counter, for, while the "North-China Daily News" endeavours to feed from the office the main points of distribution, it cannot deliver direct to all those desiring copies. Its continuance is dependent on the readers' choice and as long as readers desire it this journal will publish it.

Anglo-Japanese Conversations Over Tientsin Make Little Progress

British Embassy Official Confers with Gaimusho; Tokyo Still Wants Silver Questions Discussed

FROM PERCY WHITEING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

The Second Secretary of the British embassy, Mr. P. H. Gore-Booth, conferred today with Mr. Morio Aoki of the East Asia Bureau of the Foreign Office on questions pending between Great Britain and Japan, including Tientsin. In the latter connection it is learned that the matter is still simmering, with progress being gradually made through occasional exchanges of views, though formal negotiations have not been arranged for as yet. The initiative seems, therefore, to rest with neither side particularly at present.

The partial withdrawal of the British troops from Tientsin, carried out without any idea of compliance with Japanese requests, seems to have affected the situation but little, though it has been given great prominence in the Japanese newspapers.

The blockade has been continued with anti-British discriminaton varying from week to week. This, at least, is the British point of view, for the Japanese still maintain that Britain should agree to the Japanese requirements regarding the Chinese national currency in North China and the silver stocks owned by the Chinese government and stored in the British and French Concessions in Tientsin.

The Allied blockade of German exports does not seem to have had any effect upon Anglo-Japanese questions regarding the Far East. British opinion here believes that the Allies will deal very gently with German goods bound for Japan. It is emphasized that these goods, if paid for already, are now Japanese property.

Rice Situation Still Critical; Sincere's Alone Resuming

Slight Drop in Price But Shipments are Held Up; Japanese Army Promises Cheap Supplies Now

RICE dropped one dollar a "zah" or picul yesterday in the Shanghai market, the price of $44 being quoted for the high grade ("kan mee") and $37 for "see mee." The failure of the rate to take a decided drop caused strikes to be called at two more factories while the strike at the three establishments of the Sincere Co. was temporarily settled. Officials hope that the effect of the proclamation issued jointly by the International Settlement and the French Concession will soon be felt in materially reduced prices. Fifty thousand "zahs" of Saigon rice are expected to arrive by steamer today, to be placed in godowns. Meanwhile a serious shortage of rice is reported from Japan.

The "North-China Daily News" learned yesterday that the six boatloads of rice held up by the Japanese authorities last week on the Soochow Creek near Chung Shan Road had been sold to Japanese interests and that another six junks filled with rice are now being kept waiting on the creek likewise in the vicinity of Jessfield. Each of these shipments represents nearly 5,000 "zahs." It is further reported that some 13,000 "zahs" are being held up at the Markham Road Junction in Chapei, where it arrived from up-country.

A spokesman for the Japanese army announced yesterday that large quantities of rice owned by the Japanese army were moving towards Shanghai and that the army would offer it cheaply for the benefit of the Chinese population—"to bring down the prices of the staple allegedly raised to unnatural levels here by Chinese profiteers and hoarders."

Swiss Firm Has Strike

The high cost of living yesterday caused 400 workers to strike for higher wages at the Chinese Aluminium Rolling Mills, a Swiss enterprise in Meichow Road, Yangtszepoo. Later in the day another factory, the Wha Ching Tin Plating Co., Avenue Edward VII, was closed as the 130 men employed walked out demanding better pay. No disturbances were reported at either plant.

Meanwhile the strike at the Sincere Co. enterprises was temporarily settled some 800 men and women returning to their jobs this morning. This strike was called on Sunday night and Monday and again reflected the high cost of vital commodities. Involved were the Sincere department store in Nanking Road at Chekiang Road, and the Sincere's Dollar Stores at 615 Avenue Joffre and 1169 Bubbling Well Road. The "stay-in" strikers left the premises at 7 o'clock last night, and a truce has been called pending negotiations with the main office in Hongkong.

At the China Soap Co. factory, 2310 Yangtszepoo Road, the strike called on Monday continued yesterday. This strike is not a result of the staggering price of rice but followed internal unrest. An official of the Company stated yesterday that two workers, ringleaders in recent agitation, had been paid off and granted retiring allowances but that nevertheless trouble continued, culminating in a strike. It is understood that the firm has given its employees both increases in pay, owing to the high cost of living, and an allowance with which to buy rice, this year.

Japanese Army's Promise

Large quantities of Japanese army-owned rice were moving towards Shanghai yesterday as the Japanese military authorities acted to bring down the prices of the staple allegedly raised to unnatural levels here by Chinese profiteers and hoarders, according to a Japanese statement.

This rice, a Japanese army spokesman said, would be sold cheap at various specially-assigned shops in a manner similar to the procedure adopted by the Japanese army in August.

At that time, however, it was pointed out, the price of rice in the Settlement and the Concession was not brought down by these large supplies, as neither the S.M.C. nor the French authorities had taken any measures against unscrupulous rice merchants within the foreign-controlled areas, the spokesman alleged. However, with the authorities of the two foreign-controlled areas determined to deal with the speculators and profiteers as announced in their joint proclamation of December 10, these measures taken by the Japanese authorities were likely to have greater effect than previously, he declared.

The rice being brought to Shanghai, he said, was originally intended for use by the Japanese army. Its diversion for use by the population of Shanghai would entail the necessity of the Japanese army obtaining new supplies at a heavy expenditure of money and labour, the spokesman continued.

It was wholly contrary, however, to the wishes of the army authorities, that the Chinese people should suffer from shortage of rice and exorbitant prices, he added.

Happiness of Chinese Sought

Army authorities were concerned over the situation, the spokesman stated, as it was their desire to safeguard the welfare of the people and contribute to their happiness.

The Japanese army authorities regretted to learn that the present hardship was due to the activities of speculators, and they determined to co-operate with the Settlement and Concession authorities in dealing with them, according to the spokesman.

Rice Shortage in Japan Feared

Farmers to Be Forced to Sell Hoarded Stocks; Unrest Said Fostered

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

The rice shortage situation continues to engross the attention of the whole nation.

An urgent meeting of Ministry of Agriculture officials broke up after midnight after drawing up measures planned to force farmers to sell hoarded stocks. These measures are being considered by the Cabinet today.

This afternoon the Cabinet will hold a conference with the Central Price-fixing Commission.

The "Asahi" today asserts that the Commission is no longer alone capable of coping with the tendency of prices to get out of control and is therefore demanding that the Government recognize that closer co-operation between the Price Commission and Government offices is urgently needed.

The newspaper says it is understood the Price Commission takes a very critical view of the Government's manner of carrying out its "low-price" policy.

Unrest Caused

The Japanese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday requested the Government to take urgent measures regarding the supply of daily necessities to the people and distribution of materials indispensable to industry.

Lack of smoothness in the distribution of rice and other commodities, it was pointed out, was causing unrest in the minds of the people, while lack of supplies and materials was putting medium and small industrialists in a difficult position.—Reuter.

German "Free" Station Warns Hitler

"Gives" Him 100 Days to "Clear Out of Germany"

Washington, Dec. 12.

The announcer of the "Free" German radio station, an anti-Nazi station operating somewhere in Germany, was today heard to say:

"Hullo Hitler. Can you hear me?

"The League of German people has sentenced you to die. We give you a last ultimatum of 100 days to surrender Germany to the German people and to stop the War.

"If you comply, you may leave Germany alive. If you do not, you will be killed after the ultimatum expires.

"Our preparations are made. There is no escape for you."—Reuter.

Funeral Services for Princess Louise

Attended by Their Majesties At Windsor

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dct. 12.

Their Majesties and other members of the Royal family attended the funeral service for Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria, when she was buried today in St. George's Chapel at Windsor.

The King, in a Field Marshal's uniform, cast earth on the coffin containing the cremated remains of Princess Louise, as the Archbishop of Canterbury recited the conclusion of the committal service.

The bearer party was drawn from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Phincess' own regiment. Pipers played "Flowers of the Forest."—Reuter.

New Cabinet in Sweden Being Formed

Foreign Minister to Be Replaced

Stockholm, Dec. 12.

A new Swedish Government was formed Monday night and was to be announced today. The cabinet will contain four new members, it was understood.

M. Per Albin Hansson will continue as Premier and the new Foreign Minister will be either Baron Carl Hamilton, Ambassador to Copenhagen, or M. Christian Gunther, Ambassador to Oslo, it was believed. M.P. Skoeld will remain as Minister of Defence.

The major change in the government was the resignation of the Foreign Minister, M. Rickard J. Sandler, who has been under bitter attack in the German press. Last week M. Sandler asked for permission to retire. He will probably be appointed Ambassador to Finland, it was learned.

Premier Hansson was expected formally to present the resignation of the old cabinet to King Gustav V today, whereupon the King will request the formation of a new Government.

The official announcement of the new Cabinet will be issued in Parliament on Wednesday, it was disclosed.—United Press.

Clerk Charged in Swindling Hotel

Large Sum Misappropriated As Result of Gaming Loss In Western District

Charged with misappropriating more than $40,000 from the Park Hotel in Bubbling Well Road, Chang Tze-fei, a 22-year old assistant in the accounts office of the hotel, stood trial in the First Special District Court yesterday. The accused confessed to the crime, stating that he had acquainted himself with bad friends and gambled away all the money thus illegally obtained in western district establishments. Judgment was reserved for a week.

Chang was recently discovered to be sleepy during the daytime by his manager and suspicious of his crime became greater when one of the savings certificates kept by the hotel and usually handled by the accused mentioned a sum of money which did not coincide with the sum actually sent to the Joint Savings Bank located on the ground floor of the hotel. Close examination of other documents revealed that savings accounts of the hotel with the bank had been altered in such a way as to lead the hotel manager to think that all the hotel's money deposited with the bank had been safely handled, while in reality the accused was alleged to have deposited much smaller sums.

It was alleged that during the past few months the accused had repeated his forgery trick and misappropriated more than $40,000. He was alleged to have permanently opened a room in another hotel where he had his good time with acquaintances and gambled much in the various gambling houses in west Shanghai. He was arrested by the Sinza police who found a gambling house pass in his possession.

Yuan Hsieh-ying, a Chinese salesman of a Japanese metal shop in Canton Road, received a suspended prison term sentence of one year yesterday in the same court, also charged with misappropriation. He too gambled much, it was revealed in court. As he could not make both ends meet recently, he "squeezed" more than $13,000 from his firm. The money was paid to his firm for buying cargo by several Chinese metal shops. The Central Police offered a reward for his arrest but on Monday Yuan surrendered himself to the police.

Sanyo Maru Issue Not to Be "Test"

Anglo-Japanese Parley Arranging Details for Passing Allied Control

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.

British and Japanese authorities are engaged in parleys to settle minor details of procedure and the Sanyo Maru, Japanese ship carrying cargo of German origin, then will be permitted to pass through the Allied blockade system, it was learned here today.

It is untrue that the Japanese intended to use the Sanyo Maru as a "test" of Allied determination to enforce the blockade of German exports. Authoritative quarters observe that the cargo of the Japanese vessel does not fall into the category of goods liable to be held by the Allies since it was purchased from a neutral importer before November 27. The Japanese vessel therefore can pass without trouble through the blockade system any time before January 1, 1940, and only details of routine procedure to prevent all avoidable delays yet have to be settled.—Havas.

Ship Losses Diminish

London, Dec. 12.

Britain lost 82 merchant ships during September, October and November, totalling slightly under 300,000 tons, naval circles said last night. Nevertheless, there was a steady monthly decrease in losses since September, when the losses were highest, and November losses of British tonnage were about one third of September's, they declared.—United Press.

Russian Submarine Active

Stockholm, Dec. 12.

The Estonian steamer Kassari was sunk by a submarine, believed here to have been Russian. The crew was saved.—Reuter.

Greek Ship Torpedoed

Oslo, Dec. 12.

The Greek steamer Garoufalia (4,708 tons) was torpedoed and sunk off the Norwegian Coast by an unknown submarine. The vessel was travelling to Kirkenes to collect a cargo of iron ore for Holland. Twenty-five members of the crew were saved while four are believed lost.—Reuter.

Formal Spanish Reservations

Paris, Dec. 11.

Formal reservations only were made by Spain today in a Note forwarded to the French Foreign Office by the Ambassador here in regard to the Allied blockade of German export trade.—Havas.

Gen. Ho Yao-tsu Likely To Stay Long in Moscow

Chungking, Dec. 12.

"In view of the absence of General Ho Yao-tsu, who recently went to Moscow by air to call on Soviet Government leaders," General Hsiung Ping, who signed the Tangku Truce Agreement, has been appointed Acting Director of the Executive Office of the Generalissimo's headquarters, it is officially announced here today.

It is, therefore, gathered in Chinese circles that General Ho Yao-tsu is likely to make a lengthy stay in Russia.—Reuter.

British Sub Spared The Bremen

London, Dec. 12.

A communique issued today by the Admiralty states a British submarine reported that the German liner Bremen, homeward bound, had passed her within torpedo range. The submarine, of course, the communique adds, was precluded by the laws of warfare from torpedoing the Bremen without first warning her.—Reuter.

League Sends Urgent Appeal to Soviets

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is not in a position to exercise influence militarily today, but it is consolidating the attitude among nations, which one day will give birth to an international body possessing authority and power to take decisive action against aggression wherever it may occur."—Reuter.

German Press Outburst

Berlin, Dec. 12.

The League of Nations session at Geneva was described here yesterday by "Der Montag" as "nothing but an Anglo-French agitation organization."

The journal, in an editorial, warned participants in the session that it is not compatible with neutrality. "Every state which sent a delegate to the Geneva session was aware in advance that it would be participating in an Anglo-French agitation organization against Germany and Russia," the journal continued. "The very fact that such a session, which is only aimed at stirring up and oppressing the neutrals, is held on territory of a neutral state cannot be reconciled with the law of neutrality which Switzerland has always defended with particular energy.

"In the further course of negotiations, all neutral states will notice that in Geneva they are completely under the domination of England and France, because, apart from Soviet Russia, neither Germany, Italy, Spain, the United States, nor Japan are represented. In Geneva, the League is therefore nothing but an Anglo-French agitation union."

The editorial did not appear in later editions of "Der Montag" and other morning papers yesterday did not comment on the League session.—United Press.

French Have No Illusions

Paris, Dec. 11.

Wednesday morning at the latest the League of Nations must face her obligations and neutral nations, too, will have to shoulder their responsibilities in discussing the Finnish appeal against unwarranted Soviet aggression, French political quarters said tonight.

They asserted they cherish no illusions about the nature of the Kremlin's reply to the appeal for peace parleys made today by peace-loving members of the League. The appeal was made with the approval of Finland.

French quarters also voiced their surprise at the U.S.S.R.'s continued insistence that it stands as "the defender of the neutrals," at the very moment that Red Army forces are battling their way into Finland. Furthermore, they expressed astonishment at the Soviet view on things since Moscow has made representations against the Allied blockade of German export trade, justified by the Reich's unrestricted sea warfare, and yet has itself instituted a blockade of Finland with whom the Kremlin denies it is at war.—Havas.

New York, Dec. 12.

The message sent by the League of Nations to Soviet Russia and the successful resistance of the Finns are featured on the front pages of all newspapers today.

The "New York Herald Tribune" writes:

"The old, paralysing conflicts of purpose and policy are ended by the elimination of half of the most important members of the League who now supply a menace more or less common to all the rest.

"The result is an organization capable of acting with a celerity and unanimity which the League, in its present form, has never before attained."

The "New York Times" remarks: "There is reason to believe that, even if the League of Nations should fail to act as a unit, individual countries will make it possible for Finland to obtain additional supplies.

"Americans are grateful to Finland for her gallant fight for liberty and decent international conduct. They hope, and feel confident, that ways can be found to give prompt aid where it is most needed."—Reuter.

Japan Sends No Report

Geneva, Dec. 12.

The Chairman of the Mandates Committee of the League of Nations today announced that Japan has sent no report for 1938 on territories under her mandate.—Reuter.

Reversal in Uruguay

Montevideo, Dec. 12.

By 39 votes to 21, the Chamber of Deputies today decided that Uruguay should remain a member of the League of Nations thus reversing the decision of the Senate which favoured Uruguay's withdrawal from the League. During today's debates, several Deputies declared that the Senate's decision was unconstitutional.—Havas.

Swedish Proposal Supported

Geneva, Dec. 12.

A decision to support the Swedish proposal for a collective effort in favour of bringing about a conciliation in the conflict between Finland and Soviet Russia was reached here today by the Special Committee entrusted by the Assembly with the examination of the conflict.

The Committee met here this morning under the Chairmanship of Senhor Damata, the Portuguese delegate and examined the text of a preliminary report to the Assembly on their findings.

The text will now be submitted to the Finnish delegation who will give their views on it.

The Committee further decided that a second report would be drawn up to deal with the diplomatic and legal aspects of the conflict.

Provocation to Russia

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place at 5.30 p.m. this afternoon.

Meanwhile, although no official information has been received so far from Moscow regarding the League's appeal for a cessation of hostilities, a negative reply is expected here.

Soviet circles here express the opinion openly that the Geneva initiative constitutes a provocation towards Soviet Russia. This, they add, is emphasized by the fact that the Special Committee is composed solely of "hostile personalities" under the leadership of the Portuguese delegate "who always assumed a hostile attitude towards Soviet Russia".

The League's ultimatum they contine, is imcompatible with Soviet dignity.

Should the League go to the unexpected extreme and expel Soviet Russia, they conclude, the latter would retaliate by severing her diplomatch ties with Britain and France.—Havas.

Douglas Fairbanks Dies in U.S.

Once Famous Acrobatic Actor Suffers Heart Attack in California

Hollywood, Dec. 12.

Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., dashing Don Juan of the silver screen for fifteen years and one of the most popular actors in the eyes of Chinese theatre-goers, died at 4 a.m. E.S.T. (5 p.m. Shanghai time) today at his Santa Monica home following a reported heart attack.

The popular actor, well-known in the Far East because of two tours of the Orient, during which he spent some time in Shanghai, complained of a heart disturbance last night. His death came as a surprise and it was believed to be the result of the heart attack.

The former husband of Miss Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart," he is survived by the former Lady Ashley, nee Sylvia Hawkes, former actress, and Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., son by his first marriage to Beth Sully.

Dazzling Smile

He started as an unsuccessful Shakespearian actor, bounced from stock salesman to hardware dealer, from law student to Broadway, and thence to acclaim as the film star with the dazzling smile and daring acrobatic feats.

The actor was born in Denver, May 23, 1884, son of a New York lawyer who went west to see a mining property. At 17 young Fairbanks returned east with his parents and soon was a bit player in the Shakespearian company of Frederick Warde, friend of his father.

Young Doug learned speeches from Hamlet and Othello but with Warde's company he got no bouquets. The worst was in Duluth. Something happened to one of the principals and Doug was promoted to the roles of Cassio and Laertes. A critic wrote: "Mr. Warde's supporting company was bad, but worst of all was Douglas Fairbanks."

Not Wanted by Harvard

He had been educated in Denver public schools and Colorado School of Mines, but Harvard would not admit him.

Soon Fairbanks went under William A. Brady's management. Brady, for whom no orchestra ever played loudly enough or mob shouted vigorously enough, saw in him his ideal actor when Fairbanks bounced onto the stage in "The Pit," his first play under Brady, and made himself heard and felt above the mob of 300 extras.

He next went to Cohan & Harris. While George M. Cohan was writing a play, Doug made a walking tour of Cuba and Yucatan, returning to find the play unfinished and Cohan crying: "I've got the young man in the drawing room and can't get him out." By the time Cohan had extricated "Broadway Jones" from the drawing room, he had to take the role himself in the famous play. Fairbanks was starring in "Hawthorne, U.S.A."

In this play he made his entrance by vaulting a wall and ended the third act by springing from a balcony to the throat of his adversary. This started him on the spectacular acrobatics that he made famous in the movies.

$4,000 a Week

D. W. Griffith, pioneer producer who made "The Birth of a Nation," first signed Fairbanks in 1914 for 10 weeks at $2,000 a week. His first picture, "The Lamb"—replete with leapings—won him a doubled salary and an acrobatic reputation that outshone his actual dramatic talent. He made a dozen pictures each for Griffith and old Famous Players, ranging from comedy to westerns when for a time he aspired to rival Bill Hart. Then Fairbanks formed his own company and his greatest fame began.

He played the swashbuckling hero in "The Three Musketeers," "The Mark of Zoro," "Robin Hood," "The Thief of Bagdad," and "The Black Pirate." Reaching middle age he slowed down. "Don Juan," made in Europe, was his last screen appearance. He turned to travel and planned a film on the life of Marco Polo.

Pickfair

The marriage of Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, Hollywood's most famous union, took place in 1920. They were wed secretly four weeks after Miss Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore.

For a decade theirs was famous as Hollywood's idyllic romance. They built a luxurious home and named it "Pickfair" a combination of their two names. They made one picture together, "The Taming of the Shrew," which was not a pronounced success.

"Doug and Mary" were happy together for nearly 14 years and then Fairbanks started off alone on hunting trips, later to England where he was feted by royalty and met his titled future wife.

A "for sale" sign went up on Pickfair and in 1936 Miss Pickford finally divorced him. She charged desertion and made no mention of the beautiful Lady Ashley, whose husband had shown no such restaint when he divorced her in London. Lord Ashley named Fairbanks co-respondent.

It was not until Fairbanks finally married the blonde former mannequin and chorus girl in Paris and brought her to Hollywood that the film colony gave up watching for a reconciliation.—United Press.

Prize Court Decides Cap Norte Lawful Prize

Delivery Ordered to The Crown at Once

London, Dec. 12.

The Prize Court has dealt with a number of German vessels proceeding on the way to German ports since the outbreak of the war, it is announced here today.

Regarding one liner, the Cap Norte, which was seized on October 12, the Counsel for the Crown mentioned that a number of the ship's papers were thrown overboard before the seizure, thus making it difficult to give particulars respecting her cargo.

The Cap Norte, however, has been condemned as a lawful prize, and delivery has been ordered to the Crown.—Reuter.

S.O.S. Picked Up From Soviet Vessel

Hakodate, Dec. 12.

A distress signal, believed to have been sent by a Soviet steamer, was intercepted by the Hakodate Wireless Station at 11.30 o'clock this morning. The signal stated that the ship had 1,500 persons aboard. Messages from the ship stopped at 11.44 o'clock this morning, it was stated. Upon receipt of the S.O.S., the Hakodate Wireless Station immediately contacted the Wakkanai and Ochiishi Wireless Stations in Hokkaido and the Odomari Wireless Station in Saghalien.—Domei.

Finns Destroy Soviet Base at Murmansk

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Despite admitted Soviet attacks in various regions, it was denied here today that Red Army detachments scored the many advances reported in Soviet communiques. It is difficult for the Soviets to gain ground as fast as they claim because the terrain is covered with a deep layer of snow, it was pointed out.

Unconfirmed reports declared that the Soviet commandant of forces in the Baltic was replaced today for "scanty results" so far obtained. Soviet forces, after twelve days of warfare, are only about 40 kilometres (25 miles) inside Finland. Scarcity of definite military objectives, too, makes the Soviet task of attack difficult.

Newspapers today, while they featured war news, concentrated on reports concerning documents which reveal the evolution of the Finnish-Soviet crisis until November 30, when Red forces first invaded Finland. These documents conclusively prove, newspapers asserted, that Soviet demands were totally unacceptable to Finland.

As to the Soviet sea blockade of Finland, it was pointed out that apart from an attack on a German ship there was nothing much accomplished worth mentioning.—Havas.

Mannerheim Line Unbroken

London, Dec. 12.

The Mannerheim Line, Finland's principal system of fortifications, is still intact, despite very heavy fighting, according to the latest information obtainable here.

It is also learned that Swedish volunteers to fight with the Finnish army now number several thousands, and many have already crossed the border.

According to the French radio the Gestapo (German Secret Police) have arrested a number of Germans who called at the Finnish Legation in Berlin to express sympathy with the Finns. They are said to have been told that no demonstrations of anti-Russian sentiment could be allowed in Germany.—Reuter.

Soviet Communique

Moscow, Dec. 12.

Soviet forces advanced on all fronts in Finland yesterday, the eleventh Soviet Army communique said last night. The report did not indicate the number of miles the troops had advanced.

The city of Pitkaranta, on the north shore of Lake Ladoga, which is a terminus on the railroad leading to Serdonol, was occupied by Russian forces, the communique claimed and intimated the Red Army would follow the railroad from Pitkaranta along the north-west shore of Lake Ladoga to cut the railroad at Serionol, and then march southward to join the force advancing from the Karelian Isthmus. In the Viborg sector, the communique concluded, the Russians captured the villages of Muurilaand Siprola on the coast of the Gulf of Finland. Low clouds prevented air engagements on the ninth day of the war.—United Press.

King Sends Message to Lord Gort on Visit to French Front

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Front yesterday, the French High Command announced last night. The unfavourable weather failed to interrupt guerilla fighting along the front as French and German patrols were both particularly active south and south-west of Saarbruecken.

Small detachments of ten to fifty men in this sector raided enemy outposts in search of prisoners and information. French dispatches said German patrols had been repulsed repeatedly with hand grenades south and south-west of Saarbruecken. In the western Vosges guerilla country the French were reported to have ambushed a German patrol, taking several prisoners.

The presence of a British detachment on one of the Western Front sectors, announced here yesterday, is expected to have an important psychological effect on the Allied as well as German troops.—United Press.

Japanese Unable to Read Naval Warning

Honolulu, Dec. 12.

Yohei Hara, who was arrested last week for violating President Roosevelt's executive order banning private boats from Pearl Harbour, told the "Star-Bulletin" today that his offence was unintentional. Hara explained that he was unable to read or write either Japanese or English and that nobody had told him of the new regulation. Hara, who speaks and understands English, said that naval authorities treated him nicely and gave him lunch before releasing him on $20 bond.—United Press.

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Chinese Threaten Nanning

Flanking Attack Being Carried Out; S. Shansi City Near Capture

Chungking, Dec. 12.

Chinese forces north-east of Nanning, on the highway to Pingyang, are "assuming an active role" and are at present launching a flank attack, while the Chinese air force is bombing Japanese concentrations in the vicinity of Yamchow, Chinese field dispatches from the Kwangsi front indicate today.

Chinese reports from Liuchow state Japanese forces pushing northward from Nanning along the highway towards Wuming once reached Shuanchiao, a village immediately south of Wuming, but withdrew southward on the night of December 5.

Small Japanese detachments on the highway to Pingyang, north-east of Nanning, are said to have reached Kaotien, Kuntang and Szelung, villages in the vicinity of Pingyang. These units, however, are reported to have been driven back by the Chinese.

Chinese mobile units, the dispatches conclude, continue to harass the Japanese and to tear up the highway between Yengchow and Nanning, which is said to have been cut by a Chinese mobile column at several points.

Hsiahsien About to Fall

In South Shansi, Chinese forces are converging on Hsiahsien, according to Chinese dispatches received here today.

After reaching the southern suburbs of Hsiahsien, east of the Tungpu Railway, north-east of Yuncheng, on the night of December 5, Chinese artillery units are said to be heavily shelling the city.

Chinese forces, it is stated, are taking up positions east, south, north, and north-west of the town.

The fall of Hsiahsien, the dispatches add, is expected any moment.—Reuter.

Hunan City Bombed

Hongkong, Dec. 12.

Anhwa in central Hunan province was bombed five times by Japanese planes on Monday according to a dispatch from Yuanling in Hunan province. Chinese military establishments both inside and outside the town were damaged, it was reported.

Another squadron of Japanese planes, according to a message from Kweilin, attacked Chuanhsien, on the Hunan-Kwangsi Railway in northern Kwangsi province, on Monday and bombed military establishments on the outskirts of the town.—Domei.

Planes Active in Chekiang

Hongkong, Dec. 12.

Chinese military and communication establishments at Chunsien, an important Chinese base on the upper reaches of the Chientang River, were bombed by Japanese aircraft on Monday morning, according to imformation received here today. Twenty-nine bombs were dropped by the Japanese planes, according to the dispatch.

A squadron of seven planes later in the morning dropped 30 bombs on military positions in the vicinity of Tunglu, another dispatch received here today said.

Military and munition depots in Chekiang were also bombed by Japanese air forces during the morning, information reaching here said.—Domei.

Japanese Watching U.S. Shipping Expansion

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Japanese shipping circles are watching with keen interest expansion of American maritime activity in the Orient following the decline in British shipping in the Far East on account of the European war.

A report from New York stated that American shipping firms notified the London Maritime Commission that service to Hongkong, Singapore and Manila was being expanded early next year.

These new vessels are expected to transport Philippine sugar and Singapore gutta percha.—Domei.

Queen Tells Ladies to Save Tin-Foil

London, Dec. 12.

Queen Elizabeth today issued instructions through her Ladies-in-Waiting to all servants in Royal residences to preserve silver paper and tin-foil to present to the Lord Mayor's fund for the sick and wounded.—United Press.

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Italy Called Prisoner In Mediterranean

Signor Gayda Condemns Versailles Treaty

Rome, Dec. 12.

Declaring that Italy is a prisoner in the Mediterranean and must have a passage outside this sea, Sig. Virginio Gayda, editor of Rome's authoritive "Giornale d'Italia," today made Italian students, reviving Italian claims and "national aspirations."

Speaking slowly but firmly, Editor Gayda again condemned the Versailles Treaty which, he said, "created a Europe which could never have peace."

A new Europe will be built only after Italian claims are satisfied, he said.

"Italy's national life is in the Mediterranean, the entrance and exit to which is in the hands of foreigners. Gibralter, the Suez and now even the Dardanelles are controlled by Britain, which can close these passages, isolating the Mediterranean from the outside world," Sig. Gayda declared.

"While France and Spain have outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, he said, "Italy, instead, is a prisoner and, therefore, as she is a world power, has the right and necessity to maintain contact throughout the world.

"It is necessary for Italy to obtain a passage out-side the Mediterranean for freedom, its work and its very life."—United Press.

Censorship Ordered In Peiping

Peiping, Dec. 12.

Local Chinese circles take a recent order issued here by the Executive Commission of the "Provisional Government" as a sign that censorship of radio programmes received on privately-owned sets is soon to be imposed.

The Government has instructed the Peiping Municipality to register all private-owned radio sets in Peiping.

The order, it is believed by the same circles, is aimed at preventing local Chinese from listening-in to Chungking and other radio stations in "free" China.—Reuter.

Madeline Carroll Seeks Divorce

Lewis, Sussex, Dec. 12.

Miss Madeline Carroll, British screen star, today petitioned for a divorce from Captain Philip Astley. Miss Carroll was to be heard at the Sussex Assizes today. The conditions of her petition were not defined.—United Press.

THE CINEMA

"Babes in Arms"

Mickey Moran .....Mickey Rooney
Patsy Barton .....July Garland
Joe Moran .....Charles Winninger
Judge Black .....Guy Kibbee
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Florrie Moran .....Grace Hayes
Molly Moran .....Betty Jaynes
Don Brice .....Douglas McPhail
Jeff Steele .....Rand Brooks
Dody Martini .....Leni Lynn
Bobs .....John Shefield
Madox .....Henry Hull
William .....Barnett Parker
Mrs. Barton .....Ann Shoemaker
Martha Steele .....Margaret Hamilton
Mr. Essex .....Joseph Crehan
Brice .....George McKay
Shaw .....Henry Roquemore
Mrs. Brice .....Lelah Tyler

If "Babes In Arms," the Roxy Theatre's initial presentations yesterday evening, is a sample of what future shows are likely to be, then the management of this concern and the public at large can be assured of a very happy time. From start to finish this particular picture, which was played before an enthusiastic full house, had those present fully entertained, young Mickey Rooney proving himself more versatile than ever.

In the best musical shown in Shanghai this year, he plays, sings, dances and generally takes command of every scene in a manner that charms as it pleases. The story is one that shows how the "movies" and "talkies" have gradually ousted vaudeville and it is done in a most convincing yet pleasing way. Young Rooney does everything one expects of him and much more besides and his light hearted efforts of mimicking several well known American personalities are really delightful. He is best, however, when aping Mr. Lionel Barrymore and the President of the United States.

It is not to be imagined that he is alone in this picture. Far from it. Miss Garland sings well and acts splendidly, and the support that is lent by many other members of the cast—both old and young—is first rate. A delightful evening's entertainment is assured everybody who attend Shanghai's newest theatre's first presentation.—P.B.G.

Americans in Moscow Fingerprinted

Moscow, Dec. 12.

American citizens in Moscow lined up at the United States Embassy today and submitted their fingerprints and photographs. This procedure was the result of new regulations requiring the validation of all passports.—United Press.

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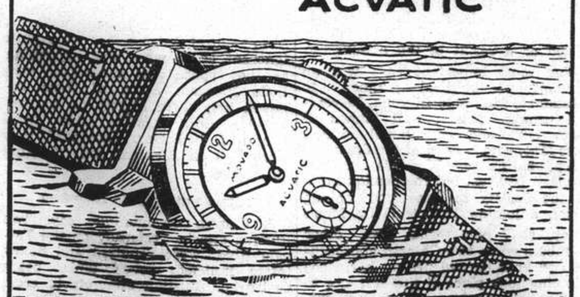

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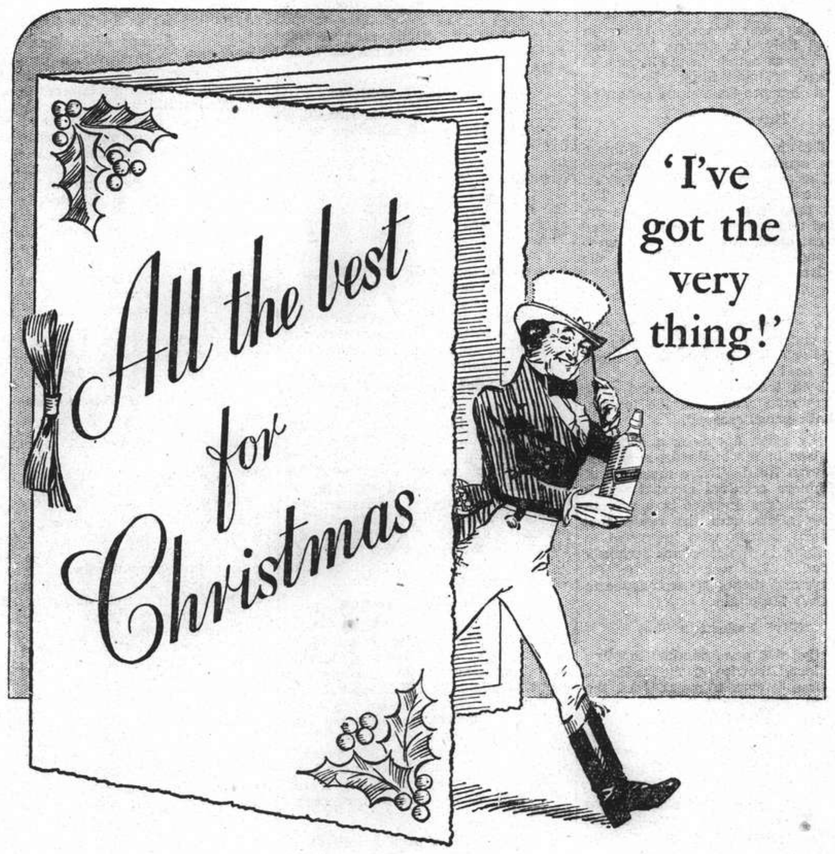

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REV. Phil. B. White of Kweiteh, Honan will speak over XMHD, 760 K. C. this evening at 8.30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to "Tune In."

BRITONS proceeding Home on War Service are reminded that it is in their interests to register with the United Services Association, Room 403, 45 Kiukiang Road.

IN H.M. Police Court before Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar, yesterday, Santa Singh, an Indian driver employed by a local British firm was cautioned for disregarding traffic signals.

THE winning numbers of the raffles of the British Women's Association needlecraft section are: Tapestry Stool 129. Dolls Set 1st, 512, 2nd, 456. Winners may take delivery at the B.W.A., 12 The Bund on presentation of their tickets.

THE Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces reports that the total number of visitors to the various Municipal parks and Children's gardens during October was 155,650. 29 free permits covering the entry of 3,765 children were issued.

THE winning numbers of the raffles, arranged by the Scandinavian Women's Association and drawn at the close of the Scandinavian exhibition on Friday, December 8, were: $1 raffle, 1st 276; 2nd 228. 50 cent raffle, 1st 438; 2nd 321; 3rd 876.

WITH a view to increasing the productivity of the province, the Szechuen Provincial Government, under personal instructions from General Chiang Kai-shek, is now mapping out a 10-year plan for land reclamation and reafforestation, says a Chengtu Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club tomorrow will be Father Wealcock, pastor of the Russian Catholic Church of this city, who has chosen as his subject: "History of Efforts to Unite the Christian Churches." The meeting will be held at 12.15 p.m. at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor.

CAPT. John Duncan Fraser, in command of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer, Taiyuan, has been the recipient this week of congratulations on his appointment as Commodore of the fleet. The pennant was handed to him on Monday. He is a native of Helensburgh, and came to the Far East in 1918. His home is in Southampton.

GENERAL Hsiung Ping has been appointed by General Chiang Kai-shek to succeed General Ho Yao-tsu as director of the Administrative Department of the Military Affairs Commission, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." General Ho Yao-tsu left Chungking on December 4 for Moscow, where he will interview Soviet Government leaders.

THE monthly tiffin of the American University Club will be held on Friday in the American Club. Mr. W. R. Johnson, whose energy was responsible for the success of the first drive in the United States for the China Famine Relief (1928), will address the meeting on, "Observations on Peace and Other Propaganda in the United States as it Relates to the Far East.

To commemorate the completion of 10,000 km. of lines by the South Manchuria Railway, Mr. Takeo Ito, Shanghai manager for the organization, entertained a large number of guests at a cocktail party in the French Club on Monday evening. During the course of the function motion pictures were shown depicting the pastoral life of people living in Manchoukuo and Mongolia.

MR. Wu Kuo-chen, former Mayor of Hankow, on Monday assumed his post as Mayor of Chungking, in succession to General Ho Kuo-kwang, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Mr. Wu Tse-hsiang, Secretary-General to the Chungking Municipal Government, will continue to serve under the new mayor, while Mr. Pao Hua-kuo has been appointed Commissioner of Social Affairs.

FORMAL inauguration of the branch office of the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association took place in Kunming, capital of Yunnan, on Monday, says a Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." Mr. Liu Chen-huan was elected president of the association, while Mr. Chang Hsi-ling and 14 others were elected to the board of directors, the report adds. General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, has been elected honorary president of the association.

THE Hunan Anti-Opium Inspection Corps has been formally inaugurated in Nishui, under the auspices of the Hunan Provincial Government, says a Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." General Li Yang-ching, the report adds, has been appointed director of the corps, and Generals Chow Hang-ti and Peng Shao-yi have been elected Vice-Directors. The corps, divided into four groups, set out from Nishui on December 10 for a tour of inspection to enforce opium-suppression measures in West Hunan.

DR. Jean Krysinski who for many years was Counsellor of the Polish Legation in China and former Consul-General, died in Warsaw during the siege. Details of his death have not been received yet, but it is believed that he died as the result of wounds from bursting shells. The fate of his family is unknown, though it is understood that his wife and daughter were evacuated before the fighting. Dr. Krysinski was well known locally, where in addition to his official duties he taught law at Aurora University, and was held in high esteem by his diplomatic associates here.

THE programme for the tenth Sunday symphony concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on Sunday, December 17, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Overture "Tancredi" ....Rossini
(First Performance)
Symphony No. 5 in E minor "From the New World" .....Dvorak
Introduction (Adagio) and Allegro molto
Largo
Scherzo (Molto vivace)
Finale (Allegro con fuoco)
Suite for Orchestra "Ma Mére l'Oye" .....Ravel
(Mother Goose)
Pavane de la Belle au Bois Dormant
Petit Pouret
Laideronette, Impératrice des Pagodes
Les Entretiens de la Belle et de la Bête
Le Jardin Féerique
Tone Poem, "Death and Transfiguration" .....Rich. Strauss
Deputy-Conductor: Prof. Arrigo Foa.

Soya Bean Milk Praised

Chinese Experts Describe Results of Experiments to Y's Men's Club

A movement has been started by Chinese experts in Shanghai for making soya bean milk now officially known as Soybean Milk which is scientifically proved as good as cow's milk but which is about a tenth of the cost. As the cow's milk is highly priced these days they have found out that the soya bean milk can well serve as its substitute and an experiment to show this has been successfully performed on refugee children here.

Dr. Ernest Tso, a young medical expert formerly connected with the P.U.M.C. who is now with the Red Cross Hospital here, has been given the title of the "Father of the Soybean Milk in China" or the "Father of China's cow," a term created by Mr. Julean Arnold, American Commercial Attache in Shanghai, who says that "soya bean is the cow of China and the bamboo is China's steel." Dr. Tso has performed all necessary and painstaking experiments in Peiping.

Dr. H. C. Hou, of the Lester Institute of Medical Research, who has been performing a successful experiment with the new milk on refugee children in Shanghai, has put the theory into practice and in his speech entitled "Nutritional Supplements for Refugee Children" he shows clearly the value of the Soybean Milk. Dr. W. S. Fu, who is also a child's specialist / and superintendent of the Shanghai Public Hospital for Children in Moulmein Road, is one of the chief sponsors of the movement with his clinic as the starting point where children are fed with the new milk.

Soya bean milk and the milk in powder form were distributed yesterday as samples to members and guests of a tiffin party held by the Shanghai Y's Men's Club.

Food Contents Described

The three experts gave very interesting lectures on the subject yesterday at the meeting at which it was scientifically made clear that in this country the new milk can substitute cow's milk. In the course of his speech, Dr. Fu revealed that the experiment had been a long one. Since Dr. Tso's departure from Peiping his work was continued by Dr. Ruth Guy, who supplemented the bean milk with cod liver oil and vegetable soup. Dr. Tso himself in 1931 worked with Dr. Chang of Nankai University and produced a soluble soya milk powder but it was never manufactured commercially. He revealed that many other experts including Dr. A. C. Siddall, of the Canton Hospital and Dr. H. W. Miller, of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic, had experimented with the new milk.

Dr. Tso's speech revealed that the new vegetable milk, when mixed with some minerals, is biologically complete in food value, it being proved that it contains 4.4 per cent. protein, 1.8 per cent. fat, 1.5 per cent. carbohydrate, 0.018 per cent. calcium, 0.057 per cent. phosphorus and 0.41 per cent. total ash. He said that the new milk alone is comparable to cow's milk in vitamin A and even richer in vitamin B, while vitamin C has to be added and vitamin D. is believed to be absent.

Dr. Tso has performed his experiments on many babies while in Peiping and the chart he showed yesterday compared the babies fed by him with the soya bean milk and those fed on cow's milk. It was indicated that one child even did better than the average American baby fed on cow's milk. He revealed that his experiment was an extensive one and that nowhere else could he perform such an experiment. He fed two twins in Peiping one with cow's milk and the other, with soya bean milk. He admitted that the latter one weighed less than the other because she was originally weaker but she was much more intelligent and so she was adopted by a rich woman. He also revealed that preparation of the new milk counts a great deal in obtaining the actual value of it.

Japan Not Aiming at Exploitation

Cabinet China Committee Holds Meeting

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Mutual defence measures, as against imperialistic control, and the establishment of an Asiatic bloc and the elevation of new Eastern culture were urged at the third meeting of the China Affairs Committee of the Japanese Cabinet today. It was the first meeting the Committee had held since November 18.

The new order in East Asia, the Committee agreed, should strengthen the ties between Japan and Manchoukuo and aim at the eradication of imperialistic exploitation and control by Europe and America.

Rather, it was stated, China should be made a paradise of mutual prosperity for East Asiatic races.

The new bloc in East Asia, it was stressed, should not eliminate the rightful activities of third party Powers.

The Committee pointed out that what Japan was seeking in East Asia was not territorial gains, but a new order in East Asia. The method of conquering and forcibly ruling a people, it was stated, was not in accordance with Imperial mandates.—Domei.

Japan Bank Note Issue Reaches New Record

Estimate of Paper Currency Made by Journal

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

The "Asahi," after a careful general survey, declares today that the note issues of the Bank of Japan and other Yen-linked currencies in East Asia to the end of November totalled Yen 4,044,000,000 compared with Yen 2,946,000,000 during the year ended November, 1938.

The "Asahi" estimates that the Bank of Japan note issue up to December 31 will approximate Yen 3,650,000,000; Bank of Chosen Yen 420,000,000; Bank of Formosa Yen 170,000,000; Manchoukuo Central Bank, Yen 670,000,000; North China Federal Reserve Bank, Yen 367,000,000; Inner Mongolian Bank Yen 54,000,000; making a grand total of Yen 5,331,000,000, excluding military notes throughout China, all secured to the Bank of Japan's gold reserve.

The grand total shows an increase of Yen 1,370,000,000, compared with December 31 last year, and Yen 2,198,000,000 against the same date in 1937 —Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

New River Police Sub-Station

This junk, loaned by the Japanese Navy, has been renovated and converted for use as the new Soochow Creek Sub-station of the Customs River Police. Moored near Honan Road Bridge, the sub-station will be headquarters for personnel engaged in controlling traffic and preventing congestion in Soochow Creek.

Woman Bound by Armed Robbers

Japanese House Robbed Of Large Sum by Bold Chinese Gang

More than $1,200 in cash and jewellery valued at several thousand dollars were stolen on Monday night by three robbers who entered the home of Mr. Matsuo Matsumoto, a trader residing at 975 North Szechuen Road, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

Boldly entering the home after learning from Mrs. Matsumoto that her husband was not present, the robbers took $1,235 in cash that was kept in three envelopes, a purse containing four yen, a diamond ring set, a pearl ring set, a watch, a diamond broach set and other jewellery, the paper said.

Before leaving, the bandits bound the feet and hands of Mrs. Matsumoto, it was stated.

"While I was preparing the night meal about 6.15 o'clock a Chinese man entered the house and asked if the master was at home," Mrs. Matsumoto told police investigating the robbery.

"I replied that he would be back at 8 o'clock," she continued.

Pistol Used

"Without warning, the man calmly drew a pistol out of his pocket and told me to give him my jewellery. I pointed to a drawer of a cabinet.

"Just then two other Chinese men who had been acting as look-outs at the door entered and one of them began searching for valuables. The third man stood at the kitchen door, keeping an eye on me.

"They searched for a half an hour, putting the money and valuables in a black bag they found in the house. They tied my hands and feet before they left.

"I tried to telephone the police when they left, but was unsuccessful. Finally I got in touch with one of my husband's friends by telephone and he reported the robbery to the police," she was quoted as saying.

Police were making a diligent search for the robbers, the "Tairiku" said.

Detained Constables Being Tried

Indictment of Couple Said To Have Been Made

The "Sin Shun Pao" reports that the two Chinese constables attached to the Settlement police, who have been detained by Chinese authorities in the western district following an incident on November 19 near Robison Road in which the Settlement and Chinese police disputed the right of searching a tramcar passenger, have already been indicted by the procurator of the new Chinese court in the western district.

It is stated that the indictment was handed over to the court on Monday by the procurator who had questioned the two constables at a previous investigation hearing. The full text of the indictment will be published through a news agency established by the "Reformed Government" at Nanking. A formal hearing of the case will be held at the end of the week, at the earliest.

If this report is true then there is no hope for the Settlement constables to obtain their freedom through negotiations as was previously reported. In addition to the two constables, one woman searcher and a Danish probationary sergeant attached to the Settlement police were detained at first but the latter two were released later.

Chita Delegates Welcomed

Japanese Representatives For Conference Arrive

Manchouli, Dec. 12.

Arrival of Mr. Kanichiro Kubota and Mr. Ichiji Kameyama, Japanese and Manchoukuo delegates to the Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolian Border Demarcation Conference, at Chita on December 5 was an auspicious occasion, Mr. Mannen Morishita, Chancellor of the Manchoukuo Consulate at Chita, reported here today.

Mr. Morishita, who arrived here Sunday from Chita to transact business, said that the two delegates were greeted at the Chita railway station by both Colonel M. A. Bogdanov, Soviet Brigade Chief of Staff, and Mr. Jamsaron, Vice-President of the Outer-Mongolian Republic, the two other delegates to the conference, and were accorded a hearty welcome.

The first conference, he reported, was held at the former site of the Military Hospital of the Zabaikal Military District, next door to the Kuznetsovskaya Museum and near the Manchoukuo Consulate. Since it was the first meeting, he said, only courtesies were exchanged. Saturday another session was held, he said, but he left Chita on that day and was unable to relate what had happened. —Domei.

New Tax Bureau in Customs Started

Imposition of Stamp Tax To Be Enforced

Another serious question to be tackled with by the authorities of the Shanghai Customs appointed by Chungking in addition to the collection of the Customs duty, which has already been taken over by the Japanese, is the establishment of yet another tax bureau in the Customs office here by the authorities of the new regime in Nanking for collecting the "stamp tax" on imports and exports. Quoting announcements, the Chinese evening press reported that the new bureau would begin its functions today.

The new tax bureau is known as the Resident Superintendent of the General Tax Bureau for Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei in the Customs Office. The duty of this bureau is to supervise and examine imports and exports and to see that all papers showing all kinds of the Customs tax, including the transit tax, bear a two-cent stamp each. This new order requiring the payment for stamp tax will affect foreign traders, as the new tax money must be paid in addition to the import or export tax already paid to the Customs.

By establishing the new bureau, the "Reformed" regime at Nanking is wishing to fill the place vacated by the tax bureau established in the Customs by the Consolidated Tax Bureau for Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei functioning under the Kuomintang regime. The Kuomintang office is no longer in existence here and it is revealed in the announcement that the new Nanking-sponsored "general tax bureau" has reached an understanding with the Customs authorities for re-establishing the bureau under the new Chinese regime for Central China.

The Shing Sheng News Agency pointed out last night that although the new stamp tax that will be collected is smaller than the Kuomintang tax by two cents, the ultimate aim of the new rule by the new Chinese authorities is to push the sale of the stamps issued by the new regime.

Tailor Given Judgment Against American

Denial of Correctness of Claim Confirmed by Bank

Judgment in favour of Mr. Chu Choh-hsin, sole proprietor of the Hsin Chang ladies tailor and outfitter, for the sum of $86.99 was entered by Commissioner N. E. Lurton in the United States Consular Court yesterday morning at the conclusion of the hearing of the tailor's claim against Mr. J. M. Doyle. The defendant was ordered to pay costs.

The tailor brought suit against Mr. Doyle for the amount of $156.99. At a previous hearing, the defendant denied the correctness of the claim, stating that he had paid the tailor a cheque for $70, drawn on the Chase Bank, on February 12, 1937. The hearing had been adjourned until yesterday in order to allow the defendant to produce the countered cheque in court.

Mr. Doyle was unable to produce the cheque in question yesterday but he had obtained a letter from the Chase Bank which stated that a cheque for $70 had been paid to the tailor on February 12, 1937. In entering his judgment, Judge Lurton made an allowance for the $70, subtracting this sum from the original claim.

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River Police Open New Sub-Station

Headquarters for Control Of Creek Traffic Posted Near Honan Road Bridge

In order to exercise more effective control over traffic in Soochow Creek a sub-station of the Customs River Police was yesterday established in Soochow Creek near Honan Road Bridge. This is the first time that a River Police sub-station has been stationed in the creek and it was due to the congestion of the waterway, which is daily becoming worse, that such a move was inaugurated.

The personnel of the new sub-station, consisting of four foreign officers and twenty Chinese under the direction of Sub-Inspector C. Avison, will be charged with the control of traffic on the waterway on the seven-mile stretch between Jessfield Bridge and the Whangpoo River. This duty was taken care of by personnel from the Pootung Point station of the Customs River Police in previous years but the limited number of launches and sampans made the task difficult.

With a new sub-station on the creek proper and with the employment of a launch and sampans for patrol duty a great saving in time will be accomplished. Since the hostilities ended in Shanghai the number of craft using Soochow Creek and the idle boats lying on both sides of the creek have increased and have become a definite detriment to both the waterway and the trade of the port. It will be up to the personnel of the new sub-station to better conditions on the waterway and keep the channel open.

Japanese Loan Junk

A junk, loaned to the River Police by the Japanese Navy, has been renovated for use as the new sub-station and was towed upriver yesterday morning. The vessel has been moored on the North side of the creek, near Honan Road Bridge, this site being chosen because it is in the midst of heavy traffic. With the sub-station located in the most troublesome spot in the creek, congestion in this area will no doubt be appreciably relieved. Meanwhile, sampans will be used to patrol the rest of the creek from Jessfield Bridge to the entrance.

Increased Sales of British Cars

Export Position Very Much Improved

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 12.

The recent statement in the House of Commons by Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, on the improvement of the British export position is supported by figures made public by the Society of Motor Manufacturers. Between August 1, and November 30, sales of British commercial vehicles abroad were 86 per cent. higher than in the corresponding period in 1938. Exports to Australia were up 39 per cent. and those to the West Indies by 45 per cent. Orders for one make of car from Holland increased by 61 per cent.—Reuter.

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Mandate Islands Said To Be Paradise

Holiday Makers Urged to Visit Japanese Area

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific were described today by Dr. Shinkichi Hatai, Professor Emeritus at Tokyo Imperal University, as ideal vacation spots that should be visited at least once by residents of Japan.

Foreigners, too, he added who suspect that the islands are being fortified, should make a trip there and see for themselves what Japan was actually doing to help the people on the islands.

Dr. Hatai, a world-renowned biologist, recently returned to Tokyo after spending several months at his marine biological laboratory at Palao.

He said that Japan was making every effort to give the natives a good education and to improve their living conditions.

Fishermen and hunters in particular should visit the islands, he said. There is a plentiful supply of both game and fish. Even the most rank amateur angler, he claimed was assured of getting more excitement fishing there than he would in other waters.—Domei.

No Chance Seen for Nazi Peace Offer

London, Dec. 12.

There is little likelihood that a workable scheme would result from the reported German peace move, informed circles said here last night.

Official circles adopted the attitude that the move was an obvious trick to deflect Allied efforts toward Russia and away from Germany. Even if the proposition was a firm offer made in good faith, instead of a trial baloon put out through the mouths of unofficial journalists, the scheme would not fulfill Allied war aims, they said. Ahe Allies want to be freed of the Nazi threat against the rest of Europe and reconstruction of countries the Nazis have taken over. —United Press.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL AREA IN SHANGHAI

NOTICE NO. 10494

In re Application for Letters of Administration of Estate of

The Late SEVERINA JOSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that:

Whereas Carmen Jose has filed a Petition with this Court for issuance to her of Letters of Administration for the above mentioned Estate, stating in essence that, the deceased mother, SEVERINA JOSE, without nationality, died at Shanghai in the year 1939, at the age of thirty-seven, leaving a sum of money nan.ely (1) A current Deposit No. 556 with the Hongkew Branch Office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, amounting to Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents Chinese National Currency (CN$429.38)—(2) A fixed Deposit No. 74/151, amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000); (3) A fixed Deposit No. 74/19 amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000). The above-mentioned Estate should, in accordance with law, be administered by the Petitioner.

Now Therefore publication hereof is made in the newspapers to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of the publication, and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of the publication. If no objection has been filed within the specified period of time, this Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

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BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

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U.S. $100 @ 7⅞		$1,355.93
Francs	330	$100
Yen	31¼	100
Guilders	13¾	100
Rupees	25	100
Pesos	14¾	100
Hongkong	$29⅞	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4$\frac{21}{32}$d.	$ 51.54
U.S. $100 @ 7⅝	$1,311.47
London—demand, $1=	4$\frac{21}{32}$d.
4 months' sight credits	4$\frac{11}{16}$d.
4 months' sight docts	4¾d.
6 months' sight credits	4$\frac{23}{32}$d.
6 months' sight docts	4$\frac{25}{32}$d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7⅝
4 months' sight credits	7$\frac{11}{16}$
4 months' sight docts	7$\frac{13}{16}$

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S. $393¼ U.S. $1=61.03d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ......4$\frac{17}{32}$d. U.S. $7½
Hongkong/London ....1/2$\frac{11}{32}$

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Java Guilders	,,	14¼
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	14
Java Guilders	,,	13⅞

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Sterling	Selling Rate	@ 6d.	per	H.H.$ 1
,,	Buying ,,	@ 6$\frac{1}{32}$	,,	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$	Selling ,,	@ 9$\frac{1}{16}$	,,	H.H.$100
,,	Buying ,,	@ 10$\frac{1}{16}$	,,	H.H.$100

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	Highest	Lowest
£	4$\frac{17}{32}$	4$\frac{17}{32}$
U.S. G.$	7½	7$\frac{7}{16}$
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	December	BUYING
£ T.T.	4$\frac{11}{32}$	4 m/s. l.c.	4$\frac{11}{16}$
G.$ T.T.	7$\frac{7}{16}$	4 m/s. l.c.	7⅝
Fcs. T.T.	333	4 m/s.	350
Rs. T.T.	25¼	15 d/s.	25⅞

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23$\frac{3}{16}$	23½
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	61.10	—
Bombay offtake 150 bars.		

London silver was $\frac{1}{16}$ up both ready and forward being 23$\frac{3}{16}$ for ready and 23½ forward. New York was unchanged at 34¾ and Bombay was 2 annas down at 61,10.

It was reported India bought and sold. The market ruled steady. After the official fixing the market was quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4½ sterling and 7⅜ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4½ sterling and 7⅜ U.S.$, and the general tendency was firmer though erratic. For most of the day there was a very quiet market, but occasional small sellers caused temporary firmness, followed by immediate relapses. At the close there were sellers at:—

4$\frac{9}{16}$	sterling	7$\frac{15}{32}$	U.S.$	Cash
4$\frac{9}{16}$	,,	7$\frac{15}{32}$	,,	Dec.
4$\frac{17}{32}$	,,	7⅜	,,	Jan.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 11.

Japan	81⅛	London	1/5$\frac{15}{16}$
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	28½	,, (sellers)	1/5$\frac{31}{32}$
Hongkong	85½	,, (buyers)	1/6
		Japan	
		,, (sellers)	82⅜
		,, (buyers)	81⅝

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4¾d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6$\frac{1}{32}$*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/3$\frac{7}{32}$*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4$\frac{1}{32}$
Brussels	24.15	Yokohama	1/2$\frac{1}{16}$
Madrid	38.50*	,, (buying)	1/2⅜
Milan	76.50	Prague	—
Berne	17.80	Bangkok	1/10¼

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	87.310
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09½	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.22⅞	Shanghai	7.40
Brussels	16.49½	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.42½	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.78	Greece	0.72½
Norway	22.71	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.32	Finland	1.90

London	3.93¼
,, Demand	3.92⅞
,, Bankers' 60 days bills	3.92⅞
,, Commercial 60 days bills	3.92⅜
Buenos Aires Paper,	Unq.
,, ,, market rate	23.00
Montreal on London	4.51⅛

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 11.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1¼%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1$\frac{5}{16}$%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	3¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¾
Call Money		0⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
	0$\frac{7}{16}$%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0$\frac{9}{16}$%B
	0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 11.

Opening weak and irregular today, the Bourse suddenly rallied strongly under the leadership of French Rentes. Internationals figured well despite some irregularity, while French issues advanced.—Havas.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 12.

Silver prices recorded another improvement today, with both positions showing an advance of ⅛d. from yesterday's levels.

	Dec. 11	Dec. 12
London spot	23$\frac{5}{16}$d.	23$\frac{7}{16}$d.
,, forward	23⅝d.	23⅝d.
,, gold	168/–	168/–

London/New York:

	Dec. 11 close	Dec. 12 1 p.m.
One pound	U.S.$4.0200	$4.0200
One U.S. dollar	59.701d.	59.701d.

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Business with a few exceptions was confined almost entirely to rubber shares which opened very firm, immediately met heavy profit taking, thereafter continuing very steady and with a good demand though at prices slightly lower than the day's best. The most popular shares were the cheaper issues such as Chengs, Kelantans, Tebongs and Repahs, though among the heavier issues Langkats were outstanding.

Little interest was seen in Industrials excepting I. I. Trusts, Loans, New Engines and Lumber Coy which latter shares rose to 34.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's Averages	Changes
226.17	105.32	General	207.15	+0.61
304.80	95.55	Rubbers	298.47	+16.65

Total 797,978 shares, 795 bonds.

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I. I. Trust 1500 *10.10 10500 10.10
S'hai Loan 500 10.80 1500 10.90
500 11.00 1500 *10.90 1000 *11.00
2000 11.00 1000 11.20 9500 11.10
500 11.20 3000 11.10 2000 11.20
2000 11.10 1500 *11.10 3500 11.20
500 *11.20
Yangtsze Finance 500 9.20
1000 9.10 500 9.00 500 9.05
1000 9.00
S'hai Land 500 *10.90 3000 10.80
500 10.70
New Eng. (Ord) 100 *20.25 100 *20.00
1000 20.00 100 20.25 100 *20.25
100 *20.00 800 20.00 1100 20.25
S'hai Dock 100 214.00
Wheelock 800 71.50 500 *71.00
C. G. Omnibus 100 22.75 200 23.00
100 22.75
Telephone 100 21.25 200 *21.00
500 21.25 100 *21.25 400 21.00
Tram (Bearer) £1 100 40.00
Metal 200 18.60 100 *18.60
1600 18.50 200 *18.50 400 18.40
100 *18.40
Kaiping 100 †43.75
Lumber 100 33.00 400 33.50
700 34.00 100 *34.00
Exploration 2000 9.25
Power (Pref) 50 126.25
Ewo Mills (Ord) 400 27.20 300 *27.20
500 27.10 200 *27.20 100 *27.10
100 27.20 100 *27.10 500 27.10
100 27.20 300 27.10 1700 27.00
200 *27.00
S'hai Cotton 100 154.00
Alma 100 38.00 100 39.00
200 38.00
Anglo Dutch 200 19.30 100 19.00
100 19.30 100 19.20 100 19.00
100 18.90 100 18.80 100 18.90
Anglo Java 100 38.00 100 38.50
500 38.75 100 39.25 300 39.00
300 *39.00 300 39.25 300 39.50
100 *39.25 300 39.25 400 39.00
100 *38.75 300 38.75 100 38.00
100 38.25 200 *38.00 100 38.25
800 38.25 400 38.00 400 38.25
100 *38.25 200 38.50
Batu Anam 5000 1.36 2000 1.32
2000 1.30 4000 1.28
Bute 1000 8.75
Chemor 1000 2.77½ 3000 2.80
2000 2.75 2000 2.60 2000 2.65
Cheng 3000 0.75 1000 *0.75
1000 0.78 8000 0.80 1000 *0.82
7000 0.80 2000 *0.80 10000 0.79
14000 0.70 2000 0.71 1000 0.74
1000 0.72 1000 0.74 1000 0.73
2000 0.75
Consolidated 500 7.25 500 7.40
500 7.45 1000 *7.50 500 7.25
Dominion 1000 10.50 500 11.00
500 10.60 1000 *10.80
Java Consolidated 1000 5.05
1000 *5.00 2000 *5.05 7000 5.10
2000 *5.15 3000 5.10 1000 5.05
3000 5.00 6000 4.95 1000 *4.95
Kota 1000 5.30 5000 5.40
1000 5.30
Kroewoek 6000 3.25 9000 3.30
2000 *3.25 1000 3.20 1000 3.12½
1000 3.10 1000 3.15 5000 3.10
1000 3.12½
Langkat 1000 26.00 500 26.25
100 27.00 1500 27.25 400 27.50
100 28.00 1300 27.75 500 27.75
100 *28.00 600 *27.75 200 *27.50
1400 27.50 400 27.25 200 *27.25
900 27.00 100 *27.25 100 27.00
400 *26.75 2400 27.00
Padang 7000 2.60 1000 2.65
2000 2.60 1000 *2.57½
Permata 5000 1.30
Repah 5000 *1.26 9000 1.30
1000 1.34 1000 1.32 1000 1.30
2000 1.36 6000 *1.32 7000 1.30
1000 *1.28
Rubber Trust 2000 8.10 1000 8.05
2000 8.00 500 *8.00 2500 7.90
500 *7.90 2000 7.85
Samagaga 1000 2.25
Semambu 6000 1.60 2000 1.62
2000 1.60 1000 *1.58 1000 1.58
1000 1.56
Senawang 7000 1.56 1000 1.60
1000 *1.60 2000 1.58 3000 1.60
4000 1.58 3000 *1.58 10000 1.60
1000 *1.60 1000 1.58 2000 *1.60
2000 1.58 6000 1.60 5000 1.58
5000 1.56 1000 *1.56 1000 1.58
1000 1.60 1000 1.58 1000 *1.58
1000 *1.56 5000 1.58
Kedah 1000 11.20 1500 11.40
500 11.20 1000 11.30
Kelantan 3000 0.76 30000 0.78
1000 0.80 9000 0.79 3000 0.78
3000 0.77 5000 0.78 4000 0.74
1000 0.72 1000 0.73 2000 0.72
7000 0.73 1000 *0.73
Kelantan 3000 0.74 3000 0.75
Pahang 2000 *5.35 1000 5.35
2000 *5.30 1000 5.30 1000 5.20
1000 *5.30
Sumatra 300 31.00
Sungala 500 7.65 500 7.70
Kapayang 700 22.50
Sungei Duri 300 60.00 100 *60.00
Tanah Merah 1000 3.35 1000 3.40
3000 3.42½ 1000 3.45 1000 3.47½
6000 3.50 2000 3.55 2000 3.50
1000 3.47½ 2000 3.42½ 2000 3.40
1000 3.35 4000 3.40
Tebong 2000 1.48 1000 1.50
3000 1.54 6000 1.56 3000 *1.56
3000 1.58 6000 1.56 3000 1.54
3000 1.52 1000 1.54 1000 1.52
7000 1.50 1000 *1.50 2000 1.48
10000 1.46 1000 *1.46 2000 *1.48
1000 1.46 20000 1.48 7000 1.44
2000 *1.44
Ziangbe 200 27.75 600 *27.75
200 28.00 500 27.50 300 28.75
100 28.50 100 *28.75 200 28.50
100 28.00
Seremban 4000 2.65 1000 *2.65

ODD LOTS

Kota 18 5.35
Dominion 16 10.40
Anglo Java 6 37.75
S'hai Loan 100 11.00 100 *10.80
Langkat 25 26.75
Sungei Duri 20 58.50
S'hai Loan 50 11.00
S'hai Land 100 11.00 100 11.00
Kaiping 2 44.25
Kroewoek 160 3.22½
Kedah 250 11.10
Exploration 100 9.30
S'hai Land 200 10.90
Senawang 300 1.58
Kapayang 50 22.00
Batu Anam 75 1.24
Chemor 300 2.57½
Tram (Bearer) £1 10 40.75
Yangtsze Finance 100 8.95
Kelantan 276 0.73

*—Direct Business.
†—Cash.

Afternoon Session

Power 5½% Debs. 12000 86.25
China Realty 8% Tael Debs. 5000 85.50
I. I. Trust 500 10.00 2000 10.10
1000 10.20 500 10.30 3500 10.20
S'hai Loan 1000 11.40 500 11.50
500 *11.50 3000 11.60 500 *11.70
2500 11.70 500 11.60 1000 11.70
1500 11.60 500 11.70
Yangtsze Finance 500 9.05 4500 9.10
500 *9.10
S'hai Land 1000 10.80 500 10.70
New Eng. (Ord) 300 20.25 200 20.00
200 *20.25
S'hai Dock 50 216.00 100 215.00
Wheelock 200 *71.00
Telephone 400 *21.25 100 21.00
100 21.25 300 *21.25
Tram (Bearer) £1 100 40.25
100 *40.25
Metal 100 *18.40 200 18.40
100 18.50 500 *18.50 200 18.40
400 *18.50
Exploration 1000 9.25 2000 9.30
Ewo Mills (Ord) 400 27.10 200 27.20
200 27.10 1400 27.00 200 27.10
400 27.00 600 27.10 300 27.00
200 27.10 200 27.00
Anglo Dutch 100 18.90 1000 19.00
500 18.90 400 *18.90 200 19.00
200 *19.00 100 18.90
Anglo Java 200 38.50 100 *38.25
300 38.00 100 37.75
Batu Anam 1000 1.30 1000 1.28
1000 *1.28

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 11.

Tin shares were the brightest feature on the London Stock Exchange today, owing to the removal of restrictions on the price of the metal.—Reuter.

	Dec. 8	11
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£92⅝	92$\frac{7}{16}$
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	48	48
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1294	56	55½
	Osaka, Dce. 12.	
Kogo 5%		Y.105.35
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	15/3	15/3
Armstrong Stevens	6/9	6/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/4	39/3
Austin Motors, ord.	17/6	17/9
Bristol Aeroplane	15/4	15/4
British American Tob.	90/-	90/
Cable & W., new form	56¾	57½
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/4	6/6
Courtaulds	34/10	35/6
Distillers	64/3	64/-
Dunlop Rubber	27/4	27/6
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/3	75/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	81/-	81/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	16/6	16/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/9	29/9
Imp. Tobacco	116/3	116/9
Leyland Motors	88/4	88/3
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/6	51/9
Pressed Steel, com.	14/1	14/1
Rolls Royes	96/3	96/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	57/4	57/-
Turner & Newall	73/4	73/6
United Steel	21/4	21/3
Vickers, ord.	16/6	16/6
Woolworths	60/9	60/9
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	27/-	27/3
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	32/10	32/10
MINES		
Burma Corp.	11/-	11/3
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	14/9	14/9
Randfontein Ests.	38/1	38/1
Sub-Nigel	203/9	205/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	11/-	11/-
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	52/6	51/10
Burmah	60/7	60/-
Mexican Eagle	6/4	6/4
Shell Trans. & Trad.	79/4	79/4
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£55	55
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	47
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	27	25
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	38	35
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	20	18
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	14	14
5% ,, ,, G.	14	14
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	14	14
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	14	14
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	17	17
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/-	13/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	23	23
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8	8
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82½	82½
,, ,, (Col. Reg.)	84½	84½
Mercantile Bank of India	11⅝	11⅝
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/6	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	—	—
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7	20/7

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 12.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.18	.18
Antamok	.155 S	.155 S
Baguio Gold	.155 S	.155 S
Batong Buhay	.011	.012 S
Big Wedge	.21 S	.21 S
Coco Grove	.16 S	.16 S
Consolidated Mines	.0025 S	.0025 S
Demonstration	.105 S	.10 S
East Mindanao	.105 S	.105 S
I. X. L.	.415 S	.415 S
Ipo Gold	.145 S	.145 S
Itogon	.28 S	.275 S
Mambulao Consolidated	.012	.013
Masbate Consolidated	.10 S	.10 S
Mine Operations	.095	.095
North Camarines	.15	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	.20 S	.20 S
San Mauricio	.79 S	.79 S
Surigao Consolidated	.165	.165
Suyoc	.14 S	.135 S
Syndicate Investment	.020	.020
United Paracale	.315 S	.315 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0875 S	.085 S

S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 83,000 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 76.73.—Reuter.

New York Market Down

New York, Dec. 11.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange declined from fractions of a point to more than a point today. Experts said that light trading makes predictions difficult but many still hold that the market is behind business and ought to rise.

While predictions for the first half of 1940 have been revised upward, there are still many skeptics. Meanwhile, the progress of the war, or the lack of progress, together with all the difficulties that war brings, added to the uncertainties of the domestic picture, is keeping many out of the market.

Transactions this year to date total 248,900,000 shares. Present indications are that 1939 sales total will be around 260,000,000 shares which would make the year, so far as stock transactions are concerned, the smallest since 1923.—

Steels led the decline today because of the second weekly decline in operations. Utilities were dull and steady while oil losses ranged up to nearly a point. Rails were lower, aircrafts were off and motors, mail orders and chemicals were irregular.—United Press.

October Rubber Output

	lb.
Permata Rubber Estate Ltd.	8,089

Chemor 3000 *2.70 6000 2.70
Cheng 4000 0.75 1000 0.74
3000 0.75 1000 0.76 1000 0.75
1000 0.76 2000 0.77 1000 *0.76
1000 *0.75 5000 0.75
Consolidated 500 7.40 1000 *7.30
Dominion 500 10.80
Java Consolidated 2000 5.00
Kota 2000 5.30
Kroewoek 2000 3.15 2000*3.17½
7000 3.15 2000 *3.15
Langkat 100 27.25 600 27.00
400 *27.25 350 27.50 500 27.25
500 *27.50 200 *27.25 100 *27.50
200 27.25 900 27.50 200 27.25
100 27.00 200 27.25
Padang 1000 2.55 1000 2.57½
1000 *2.60 2000 2.60 1000 2.62½
7000 1.30
Permata
Repah 1000 1.30 6000 1.28
Rubber Trust 500 7.90 5000 7.95
500 7.90 1500 7.95
Semambu 9000 1.54 5000 *1.54
Senawang 1000 1.58 1000 *1.60
9000 1.60 1000 *1.62 8000 1.60
Kedah 1000 11.30
Kelantan 11000 0.76 1000 *0.76
2000 0.75 4000 0.73 4000 0.75
Pahang 1000 5.25
Seremban 1000 2.60
Kapayang 200 *24.00 100 24.50
200 *24.50
Tanah Merah 1000 3.40 1000 3.45
4000 3.40 2000 *3.45 1000 3.45
5000 3.40 1000 *3.45 1000 3.40
Tebong 1000 *1.44 2000 1.46
5000 1.48 8000 1.46
Ziangbe 100 27.75 100 28.25
600 28.00 100 27.75

ODD LOTS

New Eng. (Ord) 86 19.90
Batu Anam 500 1.32 100 1.28
Tanah Merah 500 3.37½
Cheng 500 0.74
Chemor 100 2.72½
Kapayang 34 22.25
*—Direct Business.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 11.

Stock prices on Wall Street today finished with mostly losses from fractions to 1 point being recorded along a broad front. With fresh incentives lacking, interests was at a low ebb, while heartening business news was offset by persistent tax selling and a trickle of foreign liquidation.

Meanwhile, figures published by the Department of Commerce, indicating inventories for 1,700 companies as up only 1 per cent. for September and an additional 3.6 per cent. up from October, are being construed as very encouraging.

The turnover today amounted to 570,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	148.27	146.67	147.05	–0.88
20 Rails	31.63	31.23	31.24	–0.62
15 Utilit.	25.06	24.82	24.89	–0.13
40 Bonds	—	—	89.11	–0.25
11 Commod.	—	—	59.43	–0.16

	Dec. 9	11
Adams Express	B 8¼	8¼
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	22⅛	22¼
Allied Stores	9⅝	9½
Allis Chalmers	39½	38½
Aluminium Ltd.	101	97¼
Amer. Can	111¾	111
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	31⅝	31¼
Amer. & For. Power	2⅛	2
,, $7 pfd.	B 26	25⅝
Amer. Gas & Elec.	37¼	37⅜
Amer. Locomotive	B 22½	22½
Amer. Metal	25	24⅝
Amer. Radiator	9⅝	9¼
Amer. Rolling Mill	17	16⅜
Amer. Smelting & Ref.	51¼	50¾
Amer. Sugar Refining	B 20¼	B 20
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170¼	169⅝
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83	83
Amer. Waterworks	11⅝	11
Anaconda Copper	30⅝	30⅛
Atchison T. & S. Fe	25	24
Auburn	3⅛	2⅞
Baldwin Locomotive	17⅜	16⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	6	5¾
Barber Asphalt Corp.	B 15¼	14¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	12⅛	12¼
Bendix Aviation	30	29¼
Bethlehem Steel	82⅝	81
Bliss (E.W.)	15½	15¼
Boeing Airplane	22½	21⅞
Borg Warner	25¼	*24¼
Briggs Mfg. Co.	22⅛	22⅛
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	14¾	14⅛
,, $6 pfd.	B 48½	49
Budd Mfg. (E.G.)	5½	5⅜
Can. Pacific Rly.	5⅛	4⅞
Case J.I.	72½	71½
Celanese Corp.	27¼	27¼
Chase Nat. Bank	B 35½	B 35
Chesapeake & Ohio	41½	39½
Chrysler	87¾	86⅛
Climax Molybdenum	47⅛	47
Colt's Patent Fire-Arms	B 81½	81½
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6¼	6⅛
,, 6% "A" pfd.	85	84⅞
Coml. Credit	45⅝	45
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1¼	1¼
Consolid. Edison	30⅛	29⅞
Consolidated Oil	7⅛	7⅛
Continental Can	43	42
Continental Oil	22⅝	22¼
Corn Products	62⅝	62
Curtiss Wright (com.)	10⅝	10
,, ,, "A"	28⅝	28⅛
Deere & Co.	22⅛	22⅛
Distillers Corp.	B 16⅝	16¾
Douglas Aircraft	76¾	76½
Du Pont de Nemours	180	179
Eagle Picher Lead	B 11⅝	11½
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29	29
Elec. Auto Lite	37¼	37¼
Elec. Bond & Share	7¾	7½
,, $5 pfd.	B 57½	B 57¾
,, $6 pfd.	B 67½	67½
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	30¼	29½
Fintkote	22	21½
Gen. Amer. Trans.	55¼	55¼
Gen. Elec.	38⅝	38½
Gen. Motors	53½	53¼
Gen. Rly. Signal	19¾	B 18½
Gen. Tire & Rubber	B 22½	22
Glidden Co.	17½	17⅛
Goodrich (B.F.)	19⅞	19⅞
,, $5 pfd.	B 65	65⅜
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	24⅛	23½
Great Nthrn. Iron	18¼	17¾
Great Nthrn. Rly.	27⅜	26¾
Great Western Sugar	29	29⅛
Greyhound Corp.	17¼	17⅛
Hercules Powder	B 86½	87
Homestake Min	60	59½
Int. Harvester	60¼	60
Int. Nickel	36⅜	35⅜
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4¼	4⅛
Johns Manville	76	76¼
Jones & Laughlin	B 69	68
Kennecott	38¾	37⅞
Lakey Foundry & Machne	B 4	4
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49	48
Lockheed Aircraft	32¾	*30¾
Loew's Inc.	33⅞	33¼
Mack Trucks	29	28¾
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	39¼	38¼
McKesson & Robbins	B 16⅛	16¼
Monsanto Chemical	104½	103½
Montgomery Ward	54¾	54¼
Nat. Aviation	B 12⅛	12⅛
Nat. City Bank	B 28	B 27¾
Nat. Dairy Products	15⅞	15⅝
Nat. Distilers	24	23⅞
Nat. Gypsum	11½	11⅛
Nat. Lead	20½	20½
Nat. Power & Lt.	8⅛	8⅛
Nat. Steel Corp.	71½	71½
Nat. Supply Co. of Penn.	9⅝	9⅜
New York Central	18⅜	17¾
Niagara Hudson Power	6¼	6⅛
North Amer. Aviation	25⅛	24¼
North Amer. Co.	22¼	21¾
Northern Pacific	9⅛	9
Owens-Illinois-Glass	63¼	62½
Pacific Gas & Elec.	32⅝	32⅜
Pacific Lighting	47⅝	47⅞
Packard Motors	3½	3¼
Paramount Pictures	7¾	7⅝
Pennsylvania R.R.	22⅜	21⅞
Phelps Dodge	40¼	39⅞
Phila. & Reading Coal	B 0½	B 0½
Phillips Petroleum	40⅜	40
Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	B 9¼	B 9¼
Public Serv. of N.J.	39¾	39⅝
Pullman Inc.	33⅜	32⅞
Pure Oil	8⅝	8⅝
Radio Corp. of Amer.	5½	5½
Reading Co.	B 16¼	B 16
,, 1st pfd.	B 25	B 25¼
Remington Arms Co.	B 4¾	B 4¾
Republic Aviation	5⅞	5⅝
Republic Steel Co.	23½	22⅜
Revere Copper & Brass	15	B 14¾
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38½	*37⅞
Safeway Stores	47⅛	46½
Richfield Oil	B 8	8
Schenley	13	12¾
Sears Roebuck	80⅛	80⅛
Shell Union Oil	12⅛	12⅞
Socony-Vacuum	11¾	11⅞
Sthrn. Pacific	15⅜	14¾
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	B 33⅝	32⅞
Sperry Corp.	45⅞	45⅜
Spicer Mfg.	B 31	B 31
Stand. Brands	5⅝	5⅝
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2⅛	2⅜
Stone & Webster	11⅝	11¼
Stand. Oil of N.J.	44⅜	43¾
Stand. Oil of Calif.	25⅛	24¾
Studebaker	8½	8⅝
Swift International	31¾	B 31¼
Technicolor	B 12¼	12⅜
Texas Corp.	44⅜	43½
Texas Gulf Sulphur	33½	33
Transamerica	6¼	6¼
Tw. Century Fox Film.	12⅝	12¼
,, ,, pfd.	B 22⅞	22⅞
Un. Carbide & Carbon	86¾	86¼
Un. Pacific	98½	97½
Un. Aircraft	45	44
Un. Air Lines Trans.	14⅜	14⅛
Un. Corp.	2⅜	2¼
,, $3 cum. pfd.	38⅜	38¾
Un. Gas Corp.	1¾	1¾
Un. Gas Improvement	14⅜	14⅜
U. S. Indus. Alcohol	22¼	22½
U. S. Rubber	41	40⅛
,, 8% n-c pfd.	107	106⅝
U. S. Steel	68	66½
Vanadium	33⅝	33
Walworth	6	6
Warner Bros Picts.	3⅞	3⅞
Westinghouse Elec.	B 110	110
Woodward Iron	24⅛	B 24⅛
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	62	61⅝
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	25¾	26
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	18¼	17¼
,, ,, 6½% 1957	14⅛	14½
Cities Serv.	87	86⅞
Erie R.R.	15	14¾
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	42¾	40¼
New England Gas	66¾	67⅜
Republic of Colombia 6s	33	33½
,,	33	33½
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	48	47⅛
Stand. Gas Gas & Elec.	67¼	67

B—Bid *Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stocks prices today dropped from fractions above one point under the leadership of steels, owing to operations declining for the second successive week. Bethlehem Steel lost nearly two points and Chrysler above one, while General Motors held to its previous close. Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe lost one point, with leading rails moving lower, while utilities ruled dull but steady. Oils were down ranging nearly one point. Sears Roebuck gained slightly on a favourable sales report, while Montgomery Ward dipped.

Tin Market in London Excited

Removal Price Restriction Causes Forward Business Prices Rise Rapidly

London, Dec. 12.

Excited dealings occurred in the London tin market yesterday, following the removal of the former maximum price of £230 per ton.

Business began in forward dealings around £260 and the price rapidly rose to £275, closing at £268 per ton. After the close of the market business was recorded at £272 per ton. The turnover amounted to 400 tons.

Tin circles here were gratified at the return of the market to an international basis, and most observers are of the opinion that the price will gradually decline to the previous maximum, or below, and will eventually govern the international price, once supplies have been attracted here.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 11.

Excited trading was witnessed in the tin market, where forward prices soared by £45.0.0. closing at £268.-0.0., with business after the close of the market being recorded at £272,-0.0. per ton.

Cotton also moved sharply higher, on reports that the United States export subsidy is likely to be eliminated.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 11½ +⅜; sellers 11⅝ +⅜; January delivery, buyers 11$\frac{9}{16}$ +$\frac{7}{16}$; sellers 11$\frac{11}{16}$ +$\frac{7}{16}$.
Liverpool Cotton; American Futures: Jan. 8.15 +25; Mar. 8.17 +25; May 8.18 +25; July 8.15 +25; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: Jan. 9.35 +25; Mar. 9.52 +25; May 9.65 +25; July 9.73 +25.
London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £272; 3 mths sellers £268½.—Reuter.

Returns of Federal Reserve System

New York, Dec. 11.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system, in their report for the week ended December 6 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal an increase on total loans amounting to $186,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year, but a decrease of $110,000,-000 from the previous week.

Investments show increases of $1,526,000,000 over the corresponding period last year and of $113,000,000 over last week.

Loans during the period under review totalled $8,646,000,000 and investments $14,515,000,000.—Reuter.

Federal Monopoly Said Terrifying Business

Washington, Dec. 11.

The Federal Monopoly Committee is accused by the United States Chamber of Commerce of trying to "terrify" private business by threatening more severe anti-trust penalties.

The Committee tomorrow begins the sessions called to investigate banking.—Reuter.

Cotton Export Subsidy Sales

Washington, Dec. 11.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, estimates that 5,700,000 bales of cotton have been sold under the Export Subsidy Programme since July 27.

Mr. Wallace expects the cotton carryover on August 1, 1940, to be about 2,000,000 bales less than last year.—Reuter.

Cotton Marketing Quotas

New York, Dec. 11.

At the Farm Referendum held on Saturday, cotton growers overwhelmingly voted in favour of continuance of the marketing quotas for the 1940 crop.—Reuter.

U.S. Cotton Export Subsidy Reduced

New York, Dec. 11.

The Cotton Export Subsidy has been reduced to 0.2 cent from 0.4 cent, effective from 11 o'clock to-day.—Reuter.

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Dec. 12.

Option dealings in cotton are declared void under an Act enacted by the Government of Bombay today. The Act empowers the Government to make byelaws for recognized associations. An explanatory note states the Government has decided to introduce certain rules in respect of excessive fluctuations in prices on any one day and for the deposit of the difference in cases where the fluctuations reach prescribed limits.

The new Act follows the Ordinance issued by the Governor of Bombay, Sir Roger Lumley, on September 22, prohibiting option business in cotton in view of the possibilities of violent fluctuations in prices.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 11.

The cotton market early advanced on Liverpool prices recording maximum gains, shorts covering and trade and foreign buying. Intermediate profit taking, however, influenced a slight reaction. Later, prices further advanced on good commission house buying. Finally, the market closed strong on the reduction of the export subsidy stimulating renewed Wall Street, trade and foreign buying. with quotations ranging from 14 to 18 points up.

Prices in the rubber market early advanced on substantially higher cables, and later further improved on shorts covering, outside buying and trade and factory absorption. At the close, gains of 31 to 35 points were recorded.

Wheat prices in Chicago today opened higher on shorts covering and some outside buying, but later eased on liquidation, realizing and the weakness of Winnipeg advices. At the final bell, losses of ¾ cent were registered.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Dec.	10.75-77	+18			
Jan.	10.69-69	+15			
Mar.	10.45-48	+17			
May	10.10-14	+14	Mar	19.07-07	+31
July	9.75-76	+15	May	18.65-65	+35
July (N.C.)			July	18.38-40	+35
	9.95-95	+16			
Oct. (N.C.)					
	9.26-30	+15			

N. Y. Sugar No. 3			N. Y. Sugar No. 4		
Mar.	1.86-87 B/A	–06	Mar.	1.50-51 B/A	–6
May	1.90-91 B/A	+05	May	1.51-51½ B/A	–6
Sept.	1.93-95 B/A	+06	Sept.	1.54-54½ B/A	–5½

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	94⅛-94⅜	–¼	May	55⅜-55½	–⅜
July	92¼-92⅛	–¾			

Winnipeg Whtat			N.Y. Silk No. 1		
May	83⅞ A	–1⅝	Dec.	3.57-57	–03

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Dec. 11.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, in its weekly report, places steel mill activity for the week commencing December 11, at 91.2 per cent. of capacity. This represents a drop of 1.6 from the previous week and a gains of 33.6 over the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

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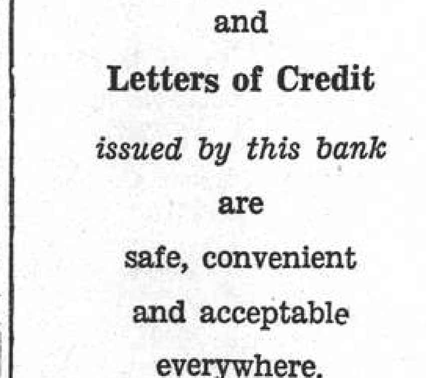

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From DAIREN: Dairen Maru, with mail, due between 2-3 p.m. Whangpoo Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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From ANTWERP		**From SOERABAYA**	
Tamesis	20/10 17/12	Tjibadak	1/12 18/12
From GENOA		Tjitjalengka	8/12 25/12
C. B'camano	23/11 20/12	**From BATAVIA**	
From TRIESTE		Tjitjalengka	12/12 25/12
Cortellazzo	28/10 24/12	**From MANILA**	
Fusijama	21/11 10/1	Gert. Maersk	8/12 14/12
From BOMBAY		Tjibadak	10/12 18/12
C. B'camano	5/12 20/12	P. Cleveland	13/12 18/12
Cortelazzo	24/11 24/12	**From HONGKONG**	
From SINGAPORE		See "China Ports" below.	
C. B'camano	12/12 20/12		
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From NEW YORK		**From LOS ANGELES**	
Vigrid	10/10 25/12	P. Coolidge	11/12 31/12
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L. Maersk	25/11 10/1	See "China Ports" below.	
A. Maersk	9/12 24/1	**From YOKOHAMA**	
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The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

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Kasima Maru	5/1	Talisman	19/12
For GENOA		G. Maersk	1/1
C. B'camano	22/12	Nagara Maru	8/1
C. Verde	21/1	H. Maersk	15/1
For OSLO		**For San FRANCISCO**	
Tai Ping	22/12	P. Cleveland	20/12
For CAPETOWN		Tatuta Maru	26/12
Boissevain	25/12	P. Pierce	2/1
For BOMBAY		P. Coolidge	16/1
Kaisyo Maru	20/12	P. Taft	29/1
For CALCUTTA		**For YOKOHAMA**	
Delagoa Maru	23/12	Hakozaki Maru	30/12
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DEPARTURES

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		Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, December 13.			
Ningpo Wenchow etc. via Chinhai		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		9.30	10.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		9.30	10.00
Ningpo		10.30	11.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		16.30	17.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, December 14.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	X	*20.00	7.30
Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Amoy and Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Fukien Province via Amoy		9.30	10.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00
Hongkong		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, December 15.			
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton		9.30	10.00
Fukien Province via Amoy		9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin ..		9.30	10.00
Central America and Canal Zone	B	—	—

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, Straits, Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, France and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 14th.
B Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 15th.
X Provisional time—subject to alteration.
Next parcel mail for U.S.A. closes on Dec. 16.

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Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 14, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due London on December 27.
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Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
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Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Per steamer, via Pacific, Dec. 16, due L'don Jan. 16.
Per steamer, via Pacific, Dec. 19, due L'don Jan. 22.

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1939 (3rd day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI Dec. 11 16.00	Dec. 11 21.00	Dec. 12 4.00	Dec. 12 9.00
Barometer inches	30.57	30.61	30.58	30.63
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.09	+0.06	+0.02	+0.01
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	+0.01	—0.01	+0.01	+0.02
Wind (direction)	NNE	NNW	NW	NNW
" (miles per hour)	9.3	3.7	5.6	5.0
Temperature (Fahr.)	42.8°	36.0°	36.7°	41.5°
Humidity %	59	82	93	83
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	2	2	9	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 11	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.59	+0.13	30.28
Temp. Min. 31.°1 Max. 50.°7	40.°9	—3.°8	44.°2
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.05	—	43.69

Time and Tide	13	12	14	12	15	12	16	12	17	12
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.43		6.44		6.45		6.45		6.46	
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.52		16.52		16.53		16.53		16.53	
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	8.20		9.02		9.42		10.18		10.52	
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	19.14		20.08		21.03		21.56		22.43	
Flood makes Shai.	6 to 18	11.40	12.00	12.37	13.10	13.50				
Ebb makes Shai.	6 to 18	17.00	17.32	18.15	6.28	7.10				
H.W. W'sung Bar	6 to 18	13.30	14.10	14.40	15.10	16.05				
Ht. above L.W. (feet) ..		9.90	8.82	8.30	7.02	7.00				

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Heini	Hsinkong	Ship Agency
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Kankyo M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Karsten	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Patti	Sanhokong	V. Chieri
Kasiwa M.	Haichow	K.U.K.
Kiangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Gran	Hongay	Wallem
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Hengshan M.	Dairen	T.K.K.
Sygna	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Lulae	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Mohlenhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
U.S.S. Luzon	Cruise	—
Hwa Min	Hsinkong	Win Foo
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Nantung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Keiam M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Hukuken M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Heini	Ger.	Ship. Agency
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Kiangnan	Ger.	Chu Foong
Haidah	Nor.	Wallem
Remo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Nitto M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Liberator	Am.	A.P.L.
Haifung	Chi.	Inter. Nav.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	C.N.C.B. 1/2
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	16 P'toon

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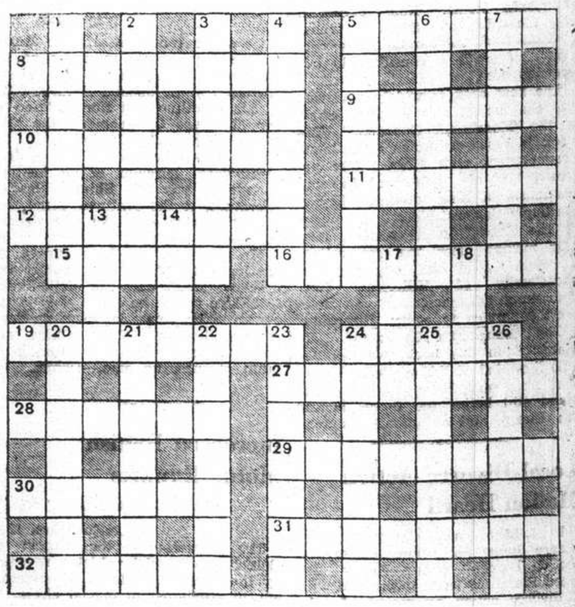

ACROSS

5 Not what the golfer means by approaching
8 The first part may fasten the whole garment
9 Worry with animal start
10 Base life becomes possible
11 One may become accustomed to this by stages
12 Standard position of mourning
15 A ship may be docked to this
16 Getting into this may mean trouble (two words)
19 What is this impedes progress (three words)
24 Not a sensible part of a ship?
27 No notice of this kind you may read will refer to you
28 The boa constrictor shows it
29 A weighty measure
30 Stick a man in the centre
31 The whole of this contains many better halves
32 Use this to second half at first half at table

DOWN

1 Vehicle for the conceited?
2 Gesture of admiration or of respect to the fair (two words)
3 May be a small edition of a smack (two words)
4 Under curtailed a tidy bit of advice
5 Demonstrating economy of space and agreement in ending
6 A new young force with heart aglow
7 The foolish have it (two words)
13 Abandoned — it isn't right
14 It could be represented in chains of course
17 If one wants a good tip one might do worse than this
18 An animal makes this garment
20 To do what is this may be bad manners (two words)
21 She's got it coming to her!
22 The first thing the average bather gets (two words)
23 His emblem was a flower
24 It might be a huge joke in the bird world (two words)
25 When the holiday army moves this is in the van
26 Most irregular

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS:** 1. Molar; 4. Cold water; 8, Tonight; 9, Culture; 10, Ha ha; 11, Solve; 12, Once; 15, Poor selection; 17, Sensationally; 20, Dawn; 21, Antic; 22, Grog; 25, Prosper; 26, Extract; 27, Take cover; 28, Demur. **DOWN:** 1, Matchless; 2, Long-hop; 3, Rage; 4, Cotton spinner; 5, Wall; 6, Tournai; 7, Reeve; 9, Civil Engineer; 13, Foray; 14, Scale; 16, Navigator; 18, New York; 19, Yard-arm; 20, Depot; 23, Epic; 24, Stud.

Escape of Polish Submarine

Orzel Reaches England After Perilous Voyage From Tallinn Port

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 12.

Details of the amazing voyage from the port of Gdynia to England of the Polish submarine Orzel after the German invasion of Poland are now revealed.

The submarine left Gdynia on September 1, eluding the cordon of German submarines strung across the Gulf of Danzig, and made for the Baltic.

After a fortnight, the captain became so ill that he had to be landed at Tallinn, capital of Estonia. Here the crew found an oil tanker, an Estonian gunboat, five destroyers and two submarines. Because a German merchantman was leaving the harbour shortly, the Estonian authorities refused the Orzel permission to proceed for another 24 hours. At the end of this time, officials arrived aboard to announce that as the Orzel had exceeded the time allowed in a neutral port by international law, the submarine was under arrest. Parole was not demanded but guns, breech-blocks, charts, small arms and all but five torpedoes were removed from the submarine.

Lieutenant Takes Command

That night, the first lieutenant, taking command of the submarine, cut the binding wires, gagged and took aboard the guard and made an escape. The sound of their capstan revealed their intentions, and destroyers turned searchlights and gunfire on them.

At 30 feet from the exit of the harbour they grounded, with bullets being fired at them at point blank range. They managed to slide off the rocks and to escape. With the light of lighthouses the only guide, to navigation, they fled submerged. The next day, the captain brought the submarine to the surface, charged the batteries, and later landed the Estonian guards on an island and made a wireless signal announcing the guards' safety.

For a fortnight, they cruised in the Baltic, hunted the whole time and frequently running into rocks.

They made for the Swedish coast when they sighted a flotilla of German destroyers, but the water was too shallow to attack with any chance of escape.

At night, they rose to periscope depth and went ahead, but soon afterwards grounded. After getting afloat again and several times again grounding and extricating themselves, they grounded on the surface. A searchlight from a destroyer time after time swung past within a few yards.

Hunted But Resolute

They realized they had floundered into a channel so shallow that the Germans did not bother to search it. In desperation, they blew all their tanks and refloated. They attempted to creep away but were discovered, and destroyers were after them. They submerged and lay quiet at the bottom, and the next day decided to try and set course for England.

With the wireless apparatus damaged and no recognition signals, they were prey for attack by every nation. One of the officers, however, knew English, and on October 6 a faint message on imperfect transmission reached a British wireless station. A few hours later, a British destroyer found them and led them into harbour.

They had only three requests—to land the sick cook, replenish their water supplies and be given breech-blocks for their guns. They were then prepared to go to sea forthwith on whatever patrol it pleased the British Navy to employ them.—Reuter.

Dr. Rauschnig Publishes Latest Book

"Hitler Speaks" Reveals Foreign Policy Opportunism

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 11.

Great interest has been aroused by the publication today of the book "Hitler Speaks" by Dr. Hermann Rauschnig, former Nazi President of the Danzig Senate, whose previous book "Revolution of Destruction" had made a considerable impression here.

The new book is widely reviewed and the subject of a leading article in the "Manchester Guardian." The book is based on notes of intimate conversations with Herr Hitler between 1932 and 1934, and the opportunism of Nazi foreign policy is startingly demonstrated.

"The Times," in its review, says: "By making clear the implications of 'Mein Kampf' and exposing the monstrosity of Hitlerism, Herr Rauschnig has performed a noteworthy service to every European."

The "Manchester Guardian" declares: "In this book, we can see into the mind of this remarkable and dangerous man, Hitler, and understand still better the forces behind his energy and ambition."—Reuter.

Local Divorce Action Motion Heard

In H. M. Supreme Court yesterday before Judge Sir Allan Mossop, a motion brought by Mr. Henry Edward Bland for leave to proceed with a divorce action by means of substituted service on the respondent, Mrs. Maude Bland, now in England, was granted.

Mr. Bland, represented by Mr. K. E. Newman, was given six weeks in which to effect service while respondent was allowed a period of three months in which to enter an appearance if desired.

Japanese Politician to Tour China

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, President of the Orthodox Faction of the Seiyukai Political Party, left here by plane this morning on an inspection tour of Manchoukuo and China.

He will first visit Hsinking and then go to Peking, Tientsin, Nanking and Shanghai. He was scheduled to return to Japan on December 27.

Accompanying him were Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa and Mr. Kiroku Oguchi, advisers of the Seiyukai Party, the second largest political organization in Japan.—Domei.

U.S. Finnish Aid Group Threatened

Police Guard Committee Meeting in New York

New York, Dec. 12.

The American Committee for Aid to Finland disclosed yesterday that they had received an anonymous letter and telephonic threats that last night's meeting of the Committee would be disrupted and picketed. Police officials assigned a double detail to guard the meeting.

Former President Herbert Hoover was to address the meeting by telephone from California. The proceeds of the meeting are to go to Mr. Hoover's Finnish Relief Fund.

Meanwhile, donations were pouring in paying for choice seats at the Fund's "Let's Help Finland" mass meeting which is to be held at Madison Square Garden on December 20.

At Los Angeles, Mr. Hoover said he expected contributions for the Finnish relief campaign to come so rapidly as to make it possible to give almost immediate aid to Finland. He said that more than 1,100 newspapers had responded to his invitation to participate in the campaign.—United Press.

Japan Not Affected by Manchu Trade Act

New Regulations Stress Yen Bloc Control

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Revison of the Foreign Trade Control Act by the Manchoukuo Government would not seriously affect Japanese exporters, the Manchoukuo Affairs Board informed exporters here today.

The act was amended by adding 54 commodities to the import control list. Most of the commodities added to the list were daily necessities such as rice, wheat, flour, sugar, tobacco, soda and ash.

The Manchoukuo Affairs Board explained that the additional commodities were added to the list to effect the smooth distribution of commodities and materials throughout Manchoukuo by falling in line with Japan's yen bloc and Export Trade Control Act.

The Manchoukuo Affairs Board explained that the additional commodities the Japanese Government would be allowed to enter Manchoukuo unconditionally, it was stated, with the exception of specified commodities such as rubber shoes, rubber "tabi," sugar, tangerines and other goods.—Domei.

Reich Seeks Plan to Finance War

Herr Hess Said to Have Warned Fuehrer Against New Burdens

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.

Reuter learns from neutral sources that Dr. Walter Funk, German Minister of Economics, and a group of experts, have been working on a number of drastic schemes for financing the Reich's war measures.

These schemes are reported to include a complicated form of capital levy, loans, voluntary collection of gold, and the forcible transfer to the state of a portion of savings bank balances.

Herr Hitler is believed to be hesitating before giving approval to these schemes, as Herr Hess, his deputy, has said—acording to these reports—that the people must not be asked for any more big sacrifices just yet.—Reuter.

Japanese Shrines to Be Built in North China

Great Memorial to Be Set Up in Peiping

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

In commemoration of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese empire next year Shinto shrines will be opened in large cities in Manchoukuo and North China by the Japanese Government, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" said today.

The Govrnment sent Mr. Shozo Ogasawara, Director of an institute for the study of Shinto classical literature, to the continent some time ago to choose sites for the shrines, the paper said.

Mr. Ogasawara, who returned recently, told a "Yomiuri" reporter that a shrine larger than the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo would be established in the centre of Peiping. Japanese residents of Manchoukuo, North China and Inner Mongolia were planning to build shrines, he said.—Domei.

Increased British Motor Exports

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 12.

The increase in the export of British commercial vehicles, revealed by the Society of Motor Manufacturers, is attributed in official circles to several reasons.

Firstly the depreciation in sterling is mentioned, and another factor is the risk of petrol shortage throughout Europe, causing an increase in the demand for low-power cars, which are a speciality of British manufacturers.

The elimination of German competition in overseas markets, which in the past has been severe, as Germany has also specialized in small cars and heavily subsidized her exports, is looked upon as another major reason for the increase.—Reuter.

Finnish Envoy in Tokyo Sees Foreign Minister

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Mr. Karl Idman, Finnish Minister to Japan, held a 40-minute interview with Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, the Foreign Minister, yesterday afternoon to exchange information on the European situation, Domei learned today.—Domei.

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Agencies

AGENTS introduced in factory seek representation for charcoal. Apply Charcoal, Hongkew News Agency, 791 East Seward Road. -9590

Lost

LOST, The Butterfield & Swire, Ltd. B/L No. 201, original and duplicate, two cases cotton socks, marked J. H., ss. Szechuen, which are hereby declared null and void. J. H. Knitting Factory. -9621

LOST. Bill of Lading No. 36 per s/s Pres. Taft arrived 5/12/39 from San Francisco, covering 2 cases auto parts and mechanics tools. This Bill of Lading has been stamped by the Customs and has been lost. It is hereby declared null and void. James Magill & Co. -9630

LOST, Friday night, December Eighth, circle diamond clip, vicinity Sun Ya Restaurant or Nanking Theatre. Finder deliver 60 Great Western Road, for reward. -9482

NOTICE is hereby given that originals of the following Bills of Lading were lost during the trouble in Canton last October and that second copies of these B/L were lost when they were sent down from Shanghai by post. We declare therefore both originals and 2nd copies of these Bs/L. to be null and void. If recovered afterwards and picked up by anybody else, they would be regarded as waste papers. We have reported the loss to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire with a request that fresh Bs/L. be issued against guarantee to enable us to take delivery of the cargo: B/L. 172 興M聯, 20 b/s cotton yarn 32s, ex Tsinan, arrived Canton 29.9.38 B/L. 129 興M聯, 10 b/s. cotton yarn 32s. B/L. 126 興M聯, 10 b/s cotton yarn 20s. B/L. 124 興M聯, 10 b/s cotton yarn 20s. B/L. 133 興M聯, 20 b/s cotton yarn 17s. B/L. 131 興M聯, 25 b/s cotton yarn 10s. B/L 130 興M聯, 5 b/s cotton yarn 10s. ex Kingyuan arrived Canton 11.10.38. B/L 191 興M聯, 10 b/s cotton yarn 17s ex Shantung, arrived Canton 10.10.38. Ku Hing. -9816

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